TODAY'S WEATHER
Partly Cloudy and Colder Is the Forecast.

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NINE MEN ARE MISSING AFTER A NEW YORK FIRE

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Mr. and Mrs. William G. Park leave this evening for New York and will hear "Parsifal" sung on Christmas eve. Mr. and Mrs. David Aiken Reed will be among other Pittsburghers in the Metropolitan opera house.—Page 10.

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Call loan rates declined to 3 per cent. Eastern stocks irregular, closing lower. Pittsburgh stocks dull but firmer. Grain closed lower, provisions higher.—Chicago.—Pages 12-13.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy and colder today and fair conditions for tomorrow is the Washington forecast for Pittsburgh and vicinity. Yesterday's maximum temperature was 42 and the minimum 31. The sun rose cloudy at 7:23 and set cloudy at 4:38 yesterday. The daily report, furnished by the local weather office follows:

Colder.

Time.	Bar.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m.	29.93	31	66	N. W.	Pt. Cldy
8 p. m.	29.74	37	83	W.	Rain

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 21:

	1902	1901		1903	1901
Maximum	57	14	Mean	50	10
Minimum	44	5	Precipitation	.29	.00
Max. tem. 3:45 pm.	42		Exc. since Jan. 1..		104
Min. tem. 7 am.	31		Nor. precip. 31 yrs.		.99
Mean temperature.	36		Precip. for day...		T.
Nor. tem. 31 yrs...	31		Dfcy. for day. 1 . .		.99
Excess for day....	1		Dfcy. since Dec. 1.		1.09
Dfcy. since Dec. 1.	150		Exc. since Jan. 1..		2.43

Government Weather Forecast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Forecast:

Western Pennsylvania—Partly cloudy and somewhat colder Tuesday; brisk to high west to northwest winds. Wednesday, fair.

Ohio—Fair, colder Tuesday, except snow in extreme north central and northeast portions, brisk west to northwest winds. Wednesday, fair.

West Virginia—Fair, colder Tuesday, except snow in the mountain districts. Wednesday, fair.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 o'clock last night:

Cincinnati	42	Clear	Indianapolis	38	Pt.Cldy
Louisville	42	Clear	Kansas City	46	Clear
St. Louis	46	Clear	St. Paul	18	Clear
Cairo	48	Clear	Salt L. City	38	Cloudy
Vicksburg	54	Clear	Lenver	38	Cloudy
Chicago	32	Cloudy	Washington	42	Cloudy
Huron	16	Clear	Cleveland	36	Cloudy
Duluth	8	Clear	New Orleans	60	Clear
Helena	26	Cloudy	New York	28	Cloudy
Corsicana	60	Cloudy	Philadelphia	30	Cloudy
Des Moines	28	Clear	Buffalo	32	Cloudy

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Sailed Dec. 21.

Hamburg—Princess Victoria Luise, from New York.

Glasgow—Mongolian, for New York; Laurentian, for St. Johns.

Venice—Pocahontas, for New York.

Plymouth—Pennsylvania, for New York.

Arrived Dec. 21.

New York—Citta di Milano, from Genoa; Zeeland, from Antwerp; Bremen, from Bellgravia.

Naples—California, from Leghorn (for New York); Lahn, from New York.

Leghorn—Feruzia, from New York.

Bremen—Rhein, from New York.

Glasgow—Pottersdam, from Boston; Sicilian, from Philadelphia.

London—Minnetonka, from New York.

Hamburg—Moltke, from New York.

Plymouth—Kaiser Wilhelm II., from New York.

Genoa—Prinz Adalbert, from Philadelphia.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

NIXON—Ethel Barrymore in "Cousin Kate," 8:15 p. m.

ALVIN—The Four Cohans in "Running for Office," 8:15 p. m.

NEW GRAND—The Xmas Pantomime, "Babes in the Woods," 2 and 8 p. m.

AVENUE—15 big vaudeville acts; continuous performance, 1:30 to 10:30 p. m.

EMPIRE—Vera Michelena in "The Princess Chic," 8:15 p. m.

DUQUESNE—Johnstone Bennett & Co. and star vaudeville acts, 2 and 8 p. m.

BIJOU—"The Factory Girl," 2 and 8 p. m.

GAYETY—"High Rollers" Extravaganza Company, 2 and 8 p. m.

EXPOSITION GARDENS—Skating afternoon and evening. Hockey tonight, P. A. C. vs. Bankers.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE ART GALLERIES—Fourth annual exhibition of paintings, 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

CARNEGIE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC—Grand Trunk Williams vaudeville company benefit Butler sufferers, 8 p. m.

MRS. HERRON PASSES AWAY

Widow of Col. W. A. Herron Dies in Her East End Residence.

PNEUMONIA IS FATAL

Long and Active Life Devoted to Public and Private Benevolence.

LIFE OF WELL-KNOWN WOMAN

Mrs. Louisa Jeanette Herron, the wife of the late William Anderson Herron, one of Pittsburgh's most prominent citizens, died of pneumonia last night at her residence, 4837 Fifth avenue, at 9:30 o'clock in the eighty-second year of her age. She was taken sick last Thursday and her death was sudden and unexpected.

Mrs. Herron was the daughter of the late Dr. Rufus Hills, a physician of note of Erie, Pa., and was a native of Amesbury, Mass., where she married Mr. Herron on October 28, 1843. They have had seven children, of whom three survive, namely, Rufus H. Herron, Sarah, now Mrs. Ogden M. Edwards and John W. Herron.

The deceased was one of the most estimable and respected women in Pittsburgh where she was active for many years, in religious, charitable and philanthropic work. Her splendid executive ability was recognized by her election in 1865 as the first president of the Women's Christian association of Pittsburgh, of which she was one of the principal organizers. Mrs. Herron has been president, since 1875, of the Association for the Improvement of the Poor, one of the most beneficial organizations of the city, which she was the means of establishing, and which relieves and assists thousands of worthy poor annually, without regard to color, nationality or sex. She was also president of the Free Kindergarten association of Pittsburgh, as well as rendering valuable assistance in almost all of the other charitable works of the city. Of her it has been written, that, "She is the personal friend of every needy family in the city." Mrs. Herron was a member of the Third Presbyterian church.

John W. and Rufus H. Herron were associated in the real estate business with their father under the firm name of W. A. Herron & Sons. For many years the firm was located in Wood street, near Fourth avenue, and became well known as the local managers of the Schenley estate in Pittsburgh and vicinity. On the death of W. A. Herron, their father, the sons, with George M. Edwards, a nephew, continued the real estate business established by their father.

About two years ago the business of the firm was merged with several other large real estate firms in this city and the Commonwealth Real Estate and Trust Company was organized, with offices and banking rooms in the Fitzsimons building, in Fourth avenue. John W. Herron is president of the company and Mr. Edwards is the secretary.

Several members of the Herron family have been traveling in the west and California. The report of Mrs. Herron's serious illness caused them to bring their vacation to a sudden termination, and the members of the family all hurried east, arriving at their homes shortly before Mrs. Herron passed away, last night.

The Herron family has lived in Pittsburgh for many years and all of Mrs. Herron's sons became well known in the business life of the community. John W. Herron is still the local manager of the Schenley estate hereabouts, and in the will of the late Mrs. Mary Schenley he was named as one of the American executors, with Andrew Carnegie. While Mrs. Herron was well-known socially, she was given more to church and charitable works, and many of her benefactions were of such a quiet nature that they will probably never become known, unless told by those whom she assisted.

MRS. W. A. HERRON,
Who Died Last Night.

Terrible Panic Follows Discovery of a Blaze in Mott Street Factory.

FIRE CHIEF KILLED

Falling Walls Caught Men Who Were Fighting Fierce Flames.

THE BRAVERY OF A PRIEST

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Herald Building, Herald Square,
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.

Battalion Fire Chief Martin Coleman was killed and eight others are missing as the result of a disastrous fire that this evening destroyed a quarter of a million dollars' worth of property in Mott street. Five buildings are now in ruins and 3,500 people are homeless. The worst panic in the history of the city followed the discovery of the fire.

The flames started on the third floor of the Herrman Furniture and Plumbing Company's plant, which is a six-story structure in Mott street. They soon communicated to the four-story varnish factory of the firm. In the front and rear of the burning buildings were tenements, and a frightful panic occurred among the Italian inmates. The firemen and police reserves had the greatest difficulty in getting the people out on the street.

The famous "Two Mines" alarm called out almost the entire Manhattan fire department, but by the time the apparatus reached the scene the first, second and third floors of the cabinet plant were in flames.

Battalion Chief Coleman entered the building with a number of men, including Lieutenant Jones and Father Smith, the fire department chaplain. They were about 25 feet inside when fire came through the walls and the building shook. The firemen saw the danger and dashed for the outside.

Heroic Work by Priest.

The chaplain escaped but a beam fell and hit Coleman and Jones, pinning them to the floor. Father Smith, with three firemen, turned back to the rescue and dragged out Jones, who had managed to stagger to his feet. Jones in pulling himself out felt for Coleman. He found him so pinned he could not rescue him, but got his helmet, which he put on and escaped.

Within a minute the entire rear and side walls fell. After the building had been totally destroyed the body of Chief Coleman was found wedged under fallen debris in such a position that the firemen were unable to reach it.

The lieutenant was revived by an ambulance surgeon from St. Vincent's hospital and later was able to give a somewhat clear account of how Chief Coleman had met his death and to report that he believed eight other men had been caught in the fire. The night marked countless other brave deeds to the credit of fireman and policeman alike.

Acting Chief Kruger was at the head of the firemen, with Battalion Chief Coleman assisting. Inspectors Brooks and Cartright were in charge of the police. There was 300 reserves called to assist and keep back the tremendous crowds that gathered on Broome and Spring streets.

Sparks that flew hundreds of feet in the air endangered sections of Elizabeth street to the east for a time. For three hours and a half the fire rose, waned, and finally, under the attack of about 50 streams of water, was subdued. Its origin was unknown, but the high rate of insurance in the case of the big factory buildings renders it most probable that an explosion of some kind started the blaze. The lumber works in the cellar of the factory made the presence of shavings a constant menace.

With nearly 10,000 people living in the

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PENNSY PLANS SHORT ROUTE

Will Have Low Grade Freight Line Between Pittsburgh and the East.

LARGE SAVING IN MILEAGE

With the completion of the low-grade cut-off of the Pennsylvania railroad east of Harrisburg a new freight line will be established between Pittsburgh and the east which, with a better grade and shorter mileage than the present route, will mean the fastest freight schedule ever offered by the Pennsylvania. Col. J. U. Crawford, engineer of bridges of the Pennsylvania branch lines, who was in the city last night, is authority for the statement. He said that trains will be running over the new route by next summer.

Out of Pittsburgh it is proposed to use the West Penn to Bolivar. In crossing the Allegheny mountains the Portage line will give a better grade and allow the through freights to pass around Altoona. By means of cut-offs now being built on the Pittsburgh division the new freight route will also pass around Johnstown and other towns between here and Altoona.

The present plans call for a connection with the Philadelphia & Erie division at a point about 75 miles north of Harrisburg. It will parallel this division for a few miles when it will strike a bee line for Philadelphia. The saving in mileage will be about 60 miles. Col. Crawford said:

"In studying the country I accidentally found that a new route could be obtained with a much less grade. I placed my plans before the officials of the company and they were ratified. Work was ordered commenced at once and men are now working along the entire route. No letup will be permitted on account of the winter weather."

Col. Crawford spoke of several other big improvements being made by the railroad company. At New York a two-mile fill is being made to be used as classification yards. It will be built according to the original plans formulated by President A. J. Cassatt.

The yards will be inclined. A train of freight will be pushed to the extreme end. From the end of the yard several tracks will diverge. Each track will be kept for a different destination. Philadelphia freight will be let drop on one track, those for Baltimore on another, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago and other important cities on separate ones. No shifter will be needed; the momentum being sufficient to drop the cars to their proper tracks. By this method an entire train can be classified without the use of locomotives. The original expense will not be much more than to make level classification yards.

MRS. BROWN SUES NATTIE M'LEAN

Personal Effects, Including Late Recorder's Commission, in Controversy.

ARTICLES ARE ENUMERATED

Mrs. Ella M. Brown, wife of the late Recorder J. O. Brown and executrix of his estate, yesterday filed equity proceedings against Nattie W. McLean to recover a number of articles of personal property which she alleges he had at the house of Mrs. James McLean, McKee place, where he died. The bill avers a demand was made on the defendant to deliver up the goods which, it is alleged, she has in her possession, and this was refused.

The articles enumerated are as follows: Personal clothing, music box, jewel box containing jewelry belonging to or connected with a dead child, pair of gold bracelets, once the property of J. O. Brown's first wife; diamond stud, presented by his present wife, large picture of a child (J. O. Brown's), gold watch and chain and locket (locket presented by the oratrix individually), pocketbook, china mug, J. O. Brown's commission as recorder, pictures of child and animals, gold cuff buttons presented by the oratrix individually, picture of J. O. Brown's father and mother.

The plaintiff asks the court for a decree entitling her to the property as executrix and residuary legatee.

CZAR RECEIVES BRYAN IN SPECIAL AUDIENCE

Expresses Friendship for the United States and Tells of Russia's Educational System.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—William Jennings Bryan was received in audience by Czar Nicholas at noon today. The audience, which lasted 15 minutes, was arranged almost on the spur of the moment by Ambassador McCormick, who until yesterday was uncertain as to the time of Mr. Bryan's arrival at St. Petersburg.

During the conversation with Mr. Bryan his majesty expressed in the most emphatic manner the feeling of friendship entertained by him and by the Russian nation for the United States and the hope that the good relations which have always existed between the two countries would never be disturbed. He gave evidence of the deepest interest in and acquaintance with affairs in the United States.

In response to Mr. Bryan's inquiry concerning the progress of public instruction in Russia, his majesty gave a minute description of the system of education in the Russian empire, showing an intimate knowledge of educational methods and the statistics relating thereto.

Mr. Bryan was entertained at dinner by Ambassador McCormick tonight. He will leave for Berlin tomorrow.

JAPAN REPLIES TO RUSSIA; LONDON FEARS WAR COMING

Lloyds Rate on Risks Still Advancing, While Both Countries Are Preparing for Trouble.
Washington View More Peaceful.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

LONDON, Dec. 22.—War risks at Lloyds yesterday reached the highest rate recorded since the far eastern crisis began. Forty guineas per cent for a three-months' policy was received yesterday afternoon. Rates for a war risk for one month rule about 30 guineas. Russian agents are purchasing Cardiff coal and fuel for Port Arthur and Vladivostock.

Bennett Burleigh, in a dispatch from Nagasaki to the Daily Telegraph, says that further serious news was received yesterday from Tokio, indicating the approach of war. The Japanese government has given notice that it will need all the dry docks in the country for the fleet. These vessels have already, says Mr. Burleigh, begun in turn to enter the docks for cleaning. Mr. Burleigh also records his opinion that there is much "bluff" in the present Russian military position.

It is known that all the influence of the foreign office is being exerted with Japan and the French government with Russia to bring about a peaceful settlement. It is said that the efforts of the British government is due almost entirely to the fact that the Japanese reply to the Russian proposals was not in the nature of an ultimatum.

It was reported here today that Germany and Russia have agreed to act together in regard to Korea. If Germany should assist Russia, Great Britain would be bound to go to the assistance of Japan.

Lord Rothschild today said: "One of the most important factors is whether America will seize the opportunity to press her claims for open ports in Manchuria. If she does so, it would certainly help a peaceful solution. I have heard of no suggested loans, either Japanese or Russian."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Although official Washington looks with some concern on the gloomy reports from the far east, hardly any one here thinks that the case between Russia and Japan has passed the diplomatic stage. No one looks for a declaration of war for many weeks to come, even if diplomacy fails to finally bring peaceful settlement. A winter campaign, it is thought would be extremely difficult if not impossible while the financial difficulties in which both countries might find themselves would also add to chances of long postponement.

The navy department is advised of the arrival of the gunboat Helena at New Chwang, China, where she has gone into a mud dock for the winter.

TOKIO, Dec. 21.—Japan's reply to Russia was handed to Baron De Rosen this afternoon, at a conference between the Russian minister and Foreign Minister Komura at the Russian legation. Japan's reply is in no way in the nature of an ultimatum, but she asks Russia to reconsider certain essential points in her reply to Japan.

Sixty military engineers have been dispatched to Korea to replace the civil telegraph operators attached to the Japanese telegraph lines on the peninsula. It is officially asserted that the step taken has no military significance.

POPE DESTROYS HOPES OF LIBERAL CATHOLICS

Lays Down Stringent Rules and Orders Laity to Keep Out of Italian Politics.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

ROME, Dec. 21.—Tonight's Osservatore Romano, the vatican organ, publishes an important document signed by the pope on the action of the Catholic laity, that is said to be rendered necessary by the proceedings of the recent Catholic congress at Bologna which showed such opposite tendencies of the Catholic conservatives and democrats.

Christian democrats must entirely abstain in Italy from participating in any political action which are interdicted. Catholic writers must abstain from anticipating views of the Holy See, and must submit all writings to the censorship of their bishops.

These rules have dampened the enthusiasm of those who hoped the present pontificate would be more liberal than the last one.

Want Roosevelt Nominated.

SALEM, ORE., Dec. 21.—By a rising vote a resolution was adopted by the caucus of the Republican members of the legislature that it is the sense of the Republican members of the Oregon legislature that President Roosevelt should be nominated for president.

TROOPS INVADE PANAMA'S SOIL

Colombian Steamer Lands Soldiers on Coast Island.

CRUISER SENT OUT

Conflict Seems Imminent Between Navy and Bogata Government's Forces.

EUROPEANS TAKE A HAND

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Room 10, Postal Building,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.

Colombian troops have invaded Panama territory. The United States consul at Colon has cabled the state department that 100 Colombian soldiers have landed on the small island of Pines, in the Gulf of Darien, 35 miles north of the border, between Panama and Colombia. The navy department has sent no specific orders to Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the naval force on the northern coast of the isthmus, but his general instructions are to "Prevent the landing of troops with hostile intent," and he is reported to have ordered the Mayflower in that direction.

Whether the Colombian force will be summarily notified to take its choice between leaving Panama soil and being attacked depends on Rear Admiral Coghlan's interpretation of his general instructions. Not even the secretary of the navy would say tonight just what course he should follow; conditions on the spot and the officer's discretion must govern that.

The probability is that the Mayflower will inform the commanding officer of the Colombian force to immediately leave Panama territory, and the sight of the Mayflower's guns is expected to influence him to do it.

Marines Ready to Sail.

It appears that the Colombians who have landed on the island of Pines have resorted to the only way to get from Colombian territory to the canal strip by sea. They are evidently trying to skirt the coast, landing frequently to avoid the carrying of large stores in their ships which are too small for many troops. Rear Admiral Coghlan will probably be given definite instructions in regard to his action toward this invading force. It is doubted here that this force is acting at all under instructions from the Bogota government, which Gen. Reyes has advised not to assume a hostile attitude.

No time is lost in preparations for the landing of more marines to the isthmus as soon as the Dixie arrives at Philadelphia, where she is due December 28. Two battalions instead of one will be formed and Brig. Gen. Elliott has already received preliminary orders concerning his assumption of the command of this force and the command of all the marines on the isthmus when he arrives there.

More Marines Landed.

An important conference on Panama affairs was held today at the home of Secretary Hay, between President Roosevelt, Secretary Hay and Wayne MacVeagh, who is playing an important part in the negotiations now in progress.

Diplomatic pressure will be brought to bear upon Colombia by several European

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REFORMERS MURDERED.

Turks Kill Macedonian Officials Who Were to Have Checked Abuses.

CETTINGE, MONTENEGRO, Dec. 21.—A Christian judge and two Christian gendarmes have been murdered by Musulmans at Gusinye, in northern Albania.

The victims were recently appointed to their posts in conformity with the Macedonian reform scheme of Austria-Russia.

SENATOR HANNA ILL AT WALDORF-ASTORIA

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Senator M. A. Hanna, who is too ill to attend the banquet of the national executive committee of the Civic Federation on Saturday evening, was still confined to his room in the Waldorf-Astoria today. It was announced that the senator was suffering from a mild attack of grip. He was directed by his physician to remain indoors. Senator Hanna expects to leave for home on Wednesday.

FUNERAL CARRIAGE ROLLS OVER HIGH EMBANKMENT

Mother of Deceased Man Was Badly Hurt and It Is Feared the Shock May Cause Her Death.

While driving to Richland cemetery in Dravosburg, where the remains of her son, Robert Herron, were to be laid at rest, Mrs. Sarah Herron of Wilkins station was probably fatally injured by her carriage rolling over an embankment. The funeral started from Mrs. Herron's home yesterday, and when the procession, consisting of a hearse and five carriages, reached a point near Camden station, on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad, where the country road is very narrow, the horses drawing the carriage in which Mrs. Herron and three other mourners were riding shied and started over the hill.

The team was in charge of Christopher Rohlander and it was probably due to his nerve that the occupants of the carriage were not killed. When the horses shied and slipped Rohlander leaped from his seat to the ground and still holding to the reins, attempted to guide the horses in their wild dash down the hill. The carriage was dragged a short distance and then upset and rolled to the bottom.

The others in the procession quickly left their carriages and went to the assistance of Mrs. Herron and her companions, who were men. The men were able to crawl out from under the wreck, and although badly bruised and scratched, they were otherwise uninjured. Mrs. Herron, however, was found to be suffering from severe injuries about the upper portion of the body and was badly cut and bruised. She was carried by the pallbearers to another carriage at the top of the hill and taken to Dravosburg, where she was placed on a train and taken home by one of her sons.

When the procession was again started the pallbearers walked on either side of the hearse for two miles to guard against further accidents. Mrs. Herron, who is 65 years old, suffered greatly from nervous shock, and, as she has but recently recovered from a severe illness, it is feared the shock of her son's death and the injuries received in the accident will cause her death.

BREAKING ICE MAKES TROUBLE

Valley Towns Are Threatened by Gorges and Back Water. Rivers Are Rising.

OHIO AND ALLEGHENY JAMS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 21.—Matters on the Ohio river in this vicinity are reaching a critical stage. The ice has gorged at a point about 12 miles below the city and extends up to the coal harbor. There is also an immense gorge above the city. Several times today the jam has broken and floated a few feet and then gorged again.

River and coal men fear that a sudden break will carry away a great number of steamboats and coal barges which are moored in the harbor. Several tow-boats are working in the harbor day and night to keep the ice loose.

ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 12.—Roseville, Crooksville and White Cottage are threatened with a great loss from floods. An ice gorge that has formed in Jonathan creek, which has backed the waters of the constantly rising streams out of bounds and has flooded hundreds of acres of farming land and promises to flood portions of the three towns named.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A breakup of the ice and the rise in the river did some damage here this morning. The tow caught and sunk the derrick boat of Jutte & Co., used in the construction of a bridge. Before it sank it struck and stove in the wharfboat. The damage here is attributed to the pier of the new bridge on the Ohio side, which caused the ice to veer in large quantities to this side.

TEMPLETON, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Many gorges are forming in the Allegheny river tonight. A big one here five miles long may go before morning.

QUICK WORK BY THE DETECTIVES

Alleged Slayer of Woman in New York Arrested at Sailor's Headquarters.

THE EVIDENCE IS COMPLETE

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

New York, Dec. 21.—By the arrest today of Emil Totterman, a Swedish sailor, the police believe that they have cleared up the mystery of the murder of Sarah Martin, whose mutilated body was found yesterday afternoon in Kelly's hotel, a low sailor's resort on the East river front.

The arrest, which was made in the Sailors union headquarters, followed information received from detectives who were sent to Bridgeport to follow up a clue furnished by a purchase check of Meigs & Co., for a pair of shoes and a sweater, which was found in the room to which the crime was committed. On the wrapper of a parcel left in the room by the murderer was written in pencil the name of "Fred C. Belano," and underneath the name "E. Totterman."

The detectives reported from Bridgeport, that the schooner "Fred C. Belano" was lying at that port and that a sailor named Totterman had been discharged from her on Saturday. They also obtained a good description of the man who on Saturday purchased the shoes and sweater from Meigs & Co.

Furnished with this description detectives in this city picked out Totterman from among a crowd of seamen at the Sailors union. When searched there was found on him a sailor's clasp knife the blade of which appeared to bear bloodstains. At police headquarters the prisoner was fully identified by James Kelly, the proprietor of the hotel, his wife and other persons as the man who on Saturday night accompanied Sarah Martin to the room in which her body was found.

Could Use In Its Business.

CAMPAIGN AMONG LODGING HOUSES

Real Compulsory Vaccination Begun by Health Bureau With Police Assistance.

POINT DISTRICT IS VISITED

The Pittsburgh bureau of health has begun the annual vaccination campaign against cheap lodging houses. Last night about 11 o'clock a band of vaccinators, headed by City Physician B. A. Booth, started out to make a survey of the lodging houses in the Point district preparatory to rounding them up later in the week. The party worked until 2 or 3 o'clock this morning along Water street, Ferry street, Penn avenue and Market street, locating the cheaper lodging houses and noting the number of lodgers in each one.

In some of the better grade of lodging houses the vaccinators performed some work, which was done without resistance. In four or five cases, however, the poorer grade of houses will be attacked, and the vaccinators will have several policemen with them for protection and assistance, as the denizen of the cheap lodging house district has a deep dread of the vaccination, and would rather put up a lively battle and undergo severe physical punishment than submit to a scratch on the arm.

For two years the city physicians have been invading the lodging houses and their experiences have been full of exciting encounters. Scores of times the vaccinators have had to face knives, pistols and fists. Dr. Booth said last night that on one occasion, when he and an assistant entered a house unarmed, they were met to fight by a big fellow with a huge knife. The winter season is always picked by the vaccinators, because it is then the hobo element always flocks to the cities and fills the lodging houses. The vaccinators wait until late at night to start out, to be sure of catching all the lodgers in the house.

At this season Pittsburgh is flooded with lake sailors, tramps, and another floating element that comes here to get employment on railroad and structural work. Some of the men who live in the lower district of Pittsburgh in the winter time are among the hardest characters of the country, and the life of a vaccinator would not be safe unless accompanied by police.

Marguerita Keating, 19 years old, who was removed from the Rosalia Maternity hospital, suffering with a virulent form of smallpox, Sunday, died yesterday morning at the municipal hospital. The girl had been at the Rosalia hospital for five months and came from a small town in West Virginia. Fourteen attendants, 45 patients and 40 babies were vaccinated at the institution. Two cases were reported yesterday: Joseph Williamson, rear 705 Carson street, and John Graber, 51 Gum street.

Thirty-nine cases of typhoid fever, eight of scarlet fever and six of diphtheria were reported to the board of health yesterday. Supt. G. Wash Moore said there were always a greater number of typhoid fever cases reported on Monday than any other day of the week, as the doctors usually report the new cases they find on Saturday and Sunday on that day. He also said, however, that it could not be denied that typhoid was prevalent beyond the normal. One cause of it he thought was because the rivers have been frozen up and the flow of water retarded in consequence, so that the water pumped into the reservoirs is largely the dregs of that which otherwise would be carried off.

Two new cases were reported in Wilkinsburg yesterday. The patients are Mrs. Sarah Long, East Center street, and Carrie Hoffman, aged 14, stepdaughter of Conrad Fien 1028 Ross avenue. The health authorities had regarded the borough as perfectly clear of the disease.

City Physician Booth made the statement that there is an epidemic of the fever at Kittanning, and the sewage is flowing into the Allegheny river, from which this city gets its water. He said there was also more or less typhoid in other up-river towns, and the prospect of an abatement of the disease here in the near future is anything but bright. The total cases of the disease reported so far this month is 378.

BOLD BLACK FOOTPADS TRY TO ROB A SLAV

Highwaymen, Pickpockets and Suspicious Persons Are Being Arrested.

Francis Prybrogan, a Slav, became friendly with two negroes whom he met yesterday on a train coming from Punxsutawney. All got off at the Union station and walked through Cherry alley toward Fifth avenue. At Virgin and Cherry alleys the two negroes seized Prybrogan and tried to rob him. He yelled lustily and the negroes bolted. Prybrogan reported the matter to the police. While he was there Policeman John Conaway brought in two negroes and Prybrogan said they were the culprits. He had seen them running and had arrested them. The negroes say they are Henry Randall and John Sullivan and have no homes.

A man who says he is William B. Critchfield of Allegheny was arrested by a pedestrian at 7 p. m. at Fifth avenue and Wood street and turned over to Policeman Joseph Wilhelm, who locked him up as a suspicious person. Miss Margery Sleman of 400 West North avenue, Allegheny, said somebody had snatched her purse from her hand and she screamed. A bystander seized Critchfield, and the girl's money was found lying on the sidewalk.

Suspiciously-acting men who cannot give a good account of themselves are likely to be arrested at any time by the city detectives or plain clothes men. Several persons whose manner the detectives did not like were taken in yesterday. Detectives Aymer and McGough arrested W. H. Wilson, who said he had been in Pittsburgh two days and had come from San Francisco on his way to his old home in Philadelphia. He was well dressed and had 1 cent in his pockets.

Frank Conway and Thomas Tighei, who say they are from Allegheny, were arrested for acting in a suspicious manner in the crowds.

Annie and Margaret O'Brien of Jeannette were arrested yesterday in a store and locked up as suspicious persons.

TO DISTRIBUTE $75,000.

Idle Window Glass Workers to Receive Money from Their Organizations.

The idle window glass workers will receive cash Christmas presents from the organization of which they are members. Beginning today fifty $75 checks will be distributed. The Window Glass Workers' association, local assembly No. 300, Knights of Labor, will divide about $50,000, and the Window Glass Workers' association, which is the seceding organization, will distribute half that amount. The money will come out of the treasuries, and in addition, a special assessment has been ordered. Until the factories are all in operation the members working will pay into a special relief fund 25 per cent of their earnings.

Secretary Paul St. Peter left for Hartford City, Ind., last night to meet the preceptories of the state to secure a list of the local members. Checks will then be made out for each one.

The window glass plants at Falls Creek, Dubois and Reynoldsville will be started up in full next Monday. By the first of the year but few factories will be idle.

WOMEN SUSPECTED OF BEING INCENDIARIES

Well-dried toad-stools, wrapped in linen and saturated with kerosene oil, were used by incendiaries in an almost successful attempt to burn up the Fleming postoffice, near McKees Rocks, early yesterday morning. The fire was discovered by Jacob Skopec, who occupies part of the room as a clothing store. He saw the blaze just after it had been started. Constable Shaw claims to have found female foot-prints in the snow leading from the postoffice to a house a short distance away. This was the second attempt to set fire to the postoffice within a month.

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Who Took 10 Little Ones Out of a Burning Building in Fifth Avenue Sunday Night.

NO DEATHS, ONLY FOUR NEW CASES

Butler's Typhoid Epidemic Is Being Checked--Work of Sanitation Being Pushed.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

BUTLER, PA., Dec. 21.—No deaths from typhoid fever have occurred since last night. New cases reported for Saturday and Sunday are four. The total number of cases reported since the epidemic commenced is now 1,220. One of those taken sick Sunday was Jesse Jones, a young blacksmith from Portersville. He was removed to the City of Brotherly Love hospital.

A few convalescents are being discharged from the hospitals, but their places are quickly taken by new patients and the hospitals are full. Physicians encounter much trouble through disregard of instructions as to the diet of their patients, whose hunger is often allayed by sympathetic friends.

This morning the work of cleaning the reservoir was commenced under the direction of Dr. W. R. Batt of the state board of health. Dr. Batt says Butler will have a water supply above suspicion and one of the best in the state. The state health officials are zealous in their desire to have proper use made of disinfectants, and state that they will make a public example of any case in which they find those in charge of fever patients endangering the health and lives of others by not taking every measure necessary to destroy the typhoid germs.

The relief committee has made arrangements with a number of stoves and business houses throughout the city for supplying a drink of distilled water to all who may ask it.

KING MENELIK GIVES SKINNER STATE RECEPTION

American Commission to Abyssinia Welcomed and Is Showered With Attentions.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

ADIS. ABEBA, ABYSSINIA, Dec. 18.—(By courier to Jibutil, French Somaliland, Dec. 21.)—Escorted by several thousand Ethiopian soldiers, the American mission to Emperor Menelik, headed by Consul General Skinner, entered the Abyssinian capital today. The reception of the Americans was most brilliant and picturesque.

Emperor Menelik personally received Mr. Skinner. The emperor, surrounded by the principal functionaries of the capital, delivered a cordial discourse of welcome, to which Mr. Skinner responded, presenting an invitation to the emperor to visit the exposition at St. Louis.

The Americans were then conducted to the palace of Ras Georgen, where they are lodged. Mr. Skinner and his party are receiving every attention. A formal audience and conference with the emperor to discuss the purposes of the mission will follow.

Later in the day the emperor granted Mr. Skinner a private audience and accepted the latter's invitation to send an Abyssinian exhibit to St. Louis.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The gunboat Machias, which recently left Jibutil, French Somaliland, on a cruise in the Red sea, has left Perl on her return to Jibutil, to await the arrival at that port of the Skinner expedition to Adis Abeba, the capital of Abyssinia.

BARRED FROM SWEETHEART FARMHAND GOES INSANE

John Shaw Seized With Sudden Madness and Is Brought to Dixmont.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 21.—Refused permission to see his sweetheart and brooding constantly over the matter, John Shaw of near Waynesburg, Greene county, went hopelessly insane and was today taken to the Dixmont insane asylum, Allegheny county.

Shaw is 25 years old and a farm hand. He is violent and there seems to be little hope for his recovery. He is a son of the late Mahasseh Shaw of Waynesburg, who died last Thursday. For about a year Shaw had been paying marked attention to Miss Blanche Ross, daughter of Frank Ross of Ryerson's station in Richhill township. He had been making his home with George Church, on whose farm in Franklin township he had been employed.

Recently Ross refused Shaw permission to see his daughter. About midnight yesterday Shaw went to the Ross home. He was detected and refused an entrance. He went home and spent last night reading letters received from the girl during the year. This morning he entered the dining room at the Church home and without provocation struck Mr. Church several times in the face. He was overpowered and locked in his room. He made several attempts to escape by jumping from a second story window.

Gambling Charge Withdrawn.

M. F. Hughes and M. J. Connelley, charged with conducting a gambling house at 410 Penn avenue, by Morris Gross, a New York traveling man, who claimed to have lost considerable money and jewelry in the place, were discharged by Alderman John Groetzinger yesterday afternoon. Gross, the prosecutor, refused to press the charge.

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DECOYED BY A LETTER AND RUDELY ARRESTED

William Eggenton Hears Baby Is Dying and Hurries Home, Only to Go to Jail.

Lured to jail by a decoy letter from his wife, William Eggenton wept last night at the deceitfulness of woman. The only drop of sweetness in the bitter cup he complained of was that his baby was not dying, as the letter had led him to suspect. This fact overbalanced the chagrin he felt because his wife had him jailed.

Because his wife was not willing to leave her parents' home, 2113 Forbes street, and live with him and the baby in a house of their own, Eggenton, so he admits, left home eight weeks ago and went to Connellsville, where he secured employment as an engineer's helper at a coke works. His wife learned his address and recently he got a letter from her, saying the baby was sick and likely to die and that it wanted to see its papa once more. The child is a little more than two years old. Eggenton drew $18 on Saturday and also on Sunday he worked an extra day to have more money to bring home. Then he pawned his watch to get a few dollars more.

Eggenton came to Pittsburgh, bought a ring for his wife, took the ring home, handed his wife all his money, except $2, which he gave the child, and spent a happy hour with his family, the old folks romancing discreetly out of the room. Then he took a little walk. While he was out his wife went to Alderman Kerschhausen's office nearby and told the alderman to have his constable serve the warrant which she had sworn out a week before for non-support.

Eggenton was arrested in a few moments on the street. He was astounded; thought there was some mistake, and resolutely refused to accompany Constable Henry Cooley peaceably unless he could first go home and see the baby. At the house the wife, the constable says, refused to withdraw the charge and declined to lend the husband a dollar. Then Eggenton asked to see the baby. It was asleep. He bent over the little girl, kissed her and his tears fell on her little face. She stirred in her sleep and murmured, "papa."

Money Spent in Charity.

Director Henry Hunneshagen's report of the expenses of the charities department of Allegheny for the 10 months ended December 1 shows that $12,250.62 has been distributed for outdoor relief, consisting of groceries, coal and furniture. This is considered normal by Director Hunneshagen. Last year $12,230 was expended.

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Numerous new upright pianos, consisting of the best of makes, that can't be retailed regularly by any house for less than $350, $375, $400 and $450. Sale prices to close, $215, $225, $245 to $265. Terms, $15 to $25 cash; $7 to $10 per month.

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"	$3.00	"	"	"	$1.85
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"	$1.50	"	"		90c
"	$1.75	"	"		$1.10
"	$2.00	"	"		$1.25
"	$2.50	"	"		$1.50
"	$3.00	"	"		$1.95
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STORE OPEN TONIGHT

In the Picture Galleries, Fourth Floor.
We would like to publish some of the good words we hear of our new picture galleries. They are finely appointed and no mistake. They are full of suggestive things for gifts.
Unusually fine line of Dining Room Pictures, game and fruit panels, $1.00, and by easy range to $25.00.
Carbon-photos are greatly in demand, and our selection shows some fine specimens.
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Today at the little round counter opposite stairs leading to West Mezzanine there will be on sale a collection of Pictures in burnt wood frames, worth $1.50, but our special price will be $1.00.
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Suggestions from the Misses' and Children's Department.
Personal attire constitutes the most practical of gifts. Scan the following for suggestions—
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Just received a new lot of girls' school Dresses, blue, gray and light brown cheviot, trimmed with stitching and fancy buttons, 6 to 12-year sizes, $6.00.
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Waistings by the yard—
French flannel—60c and 75c quality—dots, stripes and Persian effects, 25c a yard.
New Spring mercerized Poplin Waistings—beautiful solid colors, such as cell, cadet, pink, gray, champagne and banana. These fabrics are well worth 35c, and the special price is 25c a yard.
Miscellaneous—
36-inch wide, white embroidered flannel, beautiful designs, 25c and $1.00 grades for 65c a yard.
Fast black sateen, an excellent 18c grade for 12½c a yard.
Choice Ginghams, best styles and grades, at 12½c a yard.
Finest grade of American Cambric, the very thing for maids' dresses, special at 12½c a yard.
London Town Shirtings, one, two and three-toned stripings—1904 printings—special at 15c a yard.
STORE OPEN TONIGHT

Blankets, Quilts, Spreads—Special Low Prices.
A great many people lean to the practical in Christmas giving, and to such no doubt our special low prices will be a still further attraction.
Extra quality, soft Ohio Wool Blankets, regular $6.50 quality, special price $5.00 a pair.
Extra width strictly all-wool Plaid Blankets, regular $7.50 quality for $5.00 a pair.
Extra quality California Wool Blankets, eleven-quarter size, very soft and fluffy. Regular $8.50 quality for $6.75 a pair.
Extra fine French satine covered Comforts—filled with white down. Regular $5.00 quality for $7.00 each.
Fine Wool Comforts—the covering of finest satine with 10-inch Liberty satin insertion in contrasting combination. Regular $12.50 quality for $10.00 each.
White Quilts, satin finished—double bed size—handsome designs, put up in boxes. Regular $2.75 quality for $2.25 each.
Bed Sets, consisting of one fancy hemstitched sheet and two pillow cases to match, put up in boxes. Regularly $2.50 the set, special price $2.00.
STORE OPEN TONIGHT

Our Small Prices for Small Furs.
Plenty of time to look over the lines of Sealskin Coats and Persian Lamb Coats before Thursday evening, and if you are inclined that way we will take pleasure in showing you our handsomest specimens. But it is the small furs that now interest people most. Here are some few of our interesting low prices:
Nearseal Muffs, satin lined, $7.00.
Long Nearseal Scarfs, metal clasps, $5.00.
Long River Mink Scarfs, with clasp, $5.00.
Children's white Angora and Lamb's wool sets, $1.25.
White Ermine sets, pillow muff and flat collar, $5.00.
Misses' Russian Squirrel sets, large muffs and collars, $10.00 for $15.00 grade.
And among the finer furs you'll find our prices just as interestingly low as those quoted above.
STORE OPEN TONIGHT

Women's Evening Wraps.
The social events of the Christmas season should make these reduced prices of unusual interest to you. There is only one of a kind, and that fact should excite more interest. Black, white, tan, chamois, red, rose, pearl and military gray.
Handsome $60.00 and $75.00 Wraps for $40.00.
Handsome $70.00 and $80.00 Wraps for $50.00.
Handsome $80.00 and $100.00 Wraps for $60.00.
Handsome $100.00 to $125.00 Wraps for $75.00.
STORE OPEN TONIGHT

Artificial Plants Half Price.
The Millinery Department has quite a number of Artificial Plants heretofore used for decorating. You can use them to advantage, 25c instead of 50c, 50c instead of $1.00, $1.00 instead of $2.00.

PENN, FIFTH AND CECIL WAY.

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

(No. 141.)

AN ORDINANCE—Transferring the sum of $3,000.00 from Item No. 1 to Item No. 4, appropriation No. 12, and the sum of $2,500.00 from Item No. 5 to Item No. 4, appropriation No. 12, Bureau of Water.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the controller is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of three thousand ($3,000.00) dollars from Item No. 1 to Item No. 4, appropriation No. 12; and the sum of three thousand five hundred ($3,500.00) dollars from Item No. 5 to Item No. 4, appropriation No. 12, for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Sec. 2. That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law in councils this 17th day of December, A. D. 1903.

JOHN C. OLIVER,
President Pro Tem. of Select Council.

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

Attest:
LAFAYETTE WILSON, City Clerk.
SAMUEL McCLEAVE,
President of Common Council.
ROBERT DILWORTH, City Clerk.

Mayor's Office, City of Allegheny, Pa., December 18, A. D. 1903. The above ordinance examined and approved.

JAMES G. WYMAN,
Mayor.

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COUNCIL SLATES CAUSE FRICTION

Mayor W. B. Hays and Director E. M. Bigelow Cannot Agree on Some Candidates.

DIFFER ON LIGHT CONTRACT

Citizens managers are experiencing trouble in the slating of councilmanic tickets. Director E. M. Bigelow wants some men nominated who are not satisfactory to Mayor W. B. Hays. T. S. Bigelow is not inclined to interfere with the plans of his brother.

The mayor and his director of public works have clashed before and then buried the hatchet. Some people are of the opinion that harmony cannot be restored this time and that there will be a final parting of the ways. Murry A. Verner is billed to hit the same trail that Hays strikes and the Bigelows are scheduled to go in another direction. A number of political charts of this kind have been prepared, but they have never been used.

Daily conferences are being held to slate councilmanic candidates. Political prophets are predicting that the four men will not be able to agree on tickets in more than ten of the thirty-eight wards. Director Bigelow is trying to elect councilmen who will do what he wants and the mayor is just as eager to select a municipal legislature that will follow his lead.

Hays admits that he and the director differ on the electric lighting contract. Bigelow wants to make a four-year contract and Hays favors the one-year limit. Some close friends of the mayor are urging him to get a director of public works who agrees with him, but so far there has been nothing to indicate that the mayor intends to use his ax. In the meantime Bigelow is endeavoring to get councilmen in line for the four-year contract.

Congressmen Shiras, Porter and Brown have returned from Washington and will spend the holidays in Pittsburgh. While here it is expected that they will make known their intentions about entering the Republican primaries.

The Allegheny Republican executive committee was to have held a meeting last night, but the date of the conference was changed to next Thursday night. There were a number of North Side Republicans at headquarters and considerable gossip concerning the legislative contests was indulged in.

It developed that former Recorder John R. Murphy and George Schad, Jr., are willing to become candidates for assemblymen, if it is found that their candidacy is generally acceptable to the leaders throughout the district. In the second district there is opposition to the re-election of Representative John Francies. He has been spoken of as congressional timber, but says that he desires another term in the legislature. As running-mates Robert G. Cochrane, L. K. Wilson, Samuel Jones, Clark Evans and J. H. Henderson are being discussed. Cochrane says that he intends to go into the primaries. He now represents the Sixth ward in common council and is chairman of the Republican ward committee.

The Sixth ward Republican committee held a meeting last night, but decided to take no action in the councilmanic election until after the city committee meeting tomorrow night. This program was satisfactory to all of the committeemen.

The Stevenson faction of the Eleventh ward school board held a meeting last night, but as none of the Fox men appeared, a quorum was not secured. Treasurer Wahlen, a Stevenson adherent, will this week ask the city treasurer to advance money to pay bills. This action may force the other side to show its hand.

Fred A. Bacon, J. A. Miller, John Carson, William Lang and N. J. Shonborn have filed affidavit in common pleas court No. 2 to secure the exclusive use of the name "Orphans" party in the Thirty-seventh ward.

C. A. PAINTER PRESIDENT.

Well-Known Broker Without Opposition for Head of the Stock Exchange.

That Charles A. Painter will be president of the Pittsburgh stock exchange for the coming year was practically decided yesterday, when his nomination for that office was made unanimous. He is a member of the firm of Henry Sproull & Co. Harry A. Mackin, for vice president, is also without opposition.

There are two candidates, R. J. Stoney, Jr., and John B. Barbour, Jr., for the office of treasurer. There are contests also for the board of directors. The nominees are: One year (three to elect), Arthur Davis, A. E. Masten, D. Preston Schoyer, Chester T. Hoag, W. H. Campbell, George H. Lytle; two years (three to elect), M. H. Robison, R. C. Hall, C. J. Hofman, A. J. Lawrence, Humphrie Miller, A. A. Lappe, James Kirkwood, George A. Wilson; three years (three to elect), R. A. Orr, S. J. Wainwright, J. H. Moore, James E. Brown. Three directors for each period are to be elected.

Arbitration committee (three to elect), A. M. Speer, James Carothers, J. D. Lyon, John D. Bailey, M. D. Ullery, C. K. Kuhn.

The election will be held Monday, January 4.

Garrity Took Rough-on-Rats.

Coleman Garrity, aged 45, of No. 1 West Magnolia street, Allegheny, attempted suicide last night by taking rough-on-rats. Yesterday afternoon he visited a friend at a boarding house at 1520 Nixon street and while there swallowed the dose. He was taken to St. John's General hospital and will recover. Garrity's wife, his son Martin and daughter Anna, are under indictment on a charge of selling liquor illegally, and it is said this prompted the man to attempt taking his life.

Mishap Saved a Driver's Life.

Through the dropping of his whip, an unknown driver yesterday escaped being included in an accident in which his horse was killed and the wagon demolished on the Allegheny Valley railroad crossing at Twenty-eighth street and Mulberry alley. On approaching the crossing the whip fell from the wagon, and the driver jumped to the ground to secure it. The horse started over the crossing and was struck by an engine which suddenly came around the curve.

Healthy South Side.

Yesterday evening's paper says: "The Pittsburgh health bureau today reports 47 new cases of typhoid fever for the 48 hours ended last midnight." Following is a complete record of all contagious diseases reported yesterday:

Forty-seven cases of typhoid fever.
Six cases of scarlet fever.
Nine cases of diphtheria.
Four cases of smallpox.

None of all which were on the South Side. The East end gets the lion's share.

In regard to which an official of the Monongahela Water Company makes the usual remark: "Comment is unnecessary."

HOLIDAY TRIPS.

Reduced Fares Via Pennsylvania Lines to Many Points.

Excursion tickets to New Castle, Youngstown, Erie, Cleveland, Toledo, Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Louisville, Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, Wheeling, Washington, Pa., Pittsburgh and other cities and towns on the Pennsylvania lines in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois will be sold December 24, 25, 31, 1903, and January 1, 1904. Customary reduction on certificate plan for teachers and students will also be in effect on those dates.

WABASH TOOK CONTRACT FROM THE FULLER FIRM

Terminal Station in This City Will Be Finished by Gould Concern Itself—Labor Disputes Were Too Numerous.

Being disgusted with the numerous disputes cropping up between the contractors and the workmen the Wabash Railroad Company has cancelled the contract with the George A. Fuller Company for the erection of the new Wabash terminal station, and the railroad company will finish the building of its building. This was decided at a conference the latter part of last week between the two companies. The officials of the railroad company met the representatives of the union yesterday, resulting in the men deciding to return to work this morning.

The structural work of the terminal station was stopped by order of the executive board of the International Association of Structural Iron Workers and Bridge Builders because the George A. Fuller Company was a member of the Iron league of New York, which association refuses to recognize New York local No. 2, which Sam Parks, the convicted business agent, represented. When the doings of Parks became known the manufacturers refused to recognize the union and succeeded in getting some of the men to form another organization, which they support. After President Frank Buchanan defeated Parks at the Kansas City convention, held about three months ago, it was generally thought that the manufacturers would forget the past and again recognize the New York local. But this they have repeatedly refused to do.

President Buchanan made a strenuous effort to adjust the difficulty, but failed. The American Federation of Labor was asked to intercede. The request was complied with, but did not make an impression on the Iron leagues. When this failed President Buchanan issued the call for a strike on all work for contractors who are members of the league. Many cities were affected by the order, but only two buildings suffered in Pittsburgh, the Nixon theater and the Wabash station.

Since the work on this station commenced several strikes have occurred. The first to cause trouble were the hoisting engineers. Many small disputes between the workmen and the contractors occurred, but none of a serious character until the plumbers came out. This was settled by the work being given to a New York firm, which signed the local plumbers' scale.

THIEF WAS UNDER BED WHEN SEARCH WENT ON

Escaped With Little Booty from East End Home, but Overlooked Many Valuables.

Hidden under a bed while the members of the family of James Masters of 607 North St. Clair street were searching for him, a burglar finally escaped Sunday night with a little booty, but leaving behind a lot of valuables that he would probably have secured had he not been surprised at his work. When Mr. Masters, his wife and two children returned from Emory Methodist Episcopal church they were surprised to see a secretary broken open and a lot of letters strewn around the floor. An immediate search was begun over the house, but no one could be found, although there were other traces of someone having been in the house. The children, Gertrude and Connelly, were put to bed and the parents stayed in the lower part of the house.

Suddenly the father and mother were startled by the cries of the two little ones, and they made a rush for the second floor. Passing through the hall Mr. Masters was almost knocked down by a man who threw him aside and ran out the door before he could be stopped.

The police were sent for, and it was found by the talk of the children that the man had been lying under a bed, from where he emerged when he made his escape. He probably had been dodging from room to room when the search was going on. The thief got some jewelry, fancy scarfs and wearing apparel, but did not find a bag containing $50 that had been collected for charitable purposes and which was secreted in the tick of the bed under which the man had hidden.

FORTY STORIES TOO HIGH.

Henry C. Frick Is Not Interested in New York Skyscraper Project.

A report from New York to the effect that Bird S. Coler of that city and Henry C. Frick were about to let contracts for a 40-story skyscraper in New York met with a prompt denial in this city. The site for the proposed building was said to be a Fifth avenue plot valued at $1,500,000 and the estimated cost of the structure itself was put at $5,000,000. This would make by far the most highest and most costly skyscraper in the world and would rob Pittsburgh of the enviable distinction she now holds of having in the Frick building the finest office building in the country.

From a scientific standpoint the scheme is not feasible according to the best authorities. Experts state that the limit of practical building is reached at a height of from 20 to 24 stories. Above this point the vibration is so great that no devices of the architect can offset it or remove its danger. This has been conclusively shown in the Flatiron building in New York, where several deaths and many accidents have resulted from the freaks of the wind which has a tremendous sweep at this point. It is said that a project in now on foot to remove the two upper stories of the Flatiron building to relieve the wind pressure on the structure.

The building said to have been projected by Mr. Frick and Mr. Coler would have five stories under ground, leaving 35 stories in the air, a height that owing to the wind pressure and the tension on the elevator cables, which would have to be at least 4,000 feet, is entirely impracticable.

SILVER CELEBRATION.

Commemorated the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. John J. Bullion.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. John J. Bullion, pastor of St. Mary Magdalene's Roman Catholic church of Homestead, was celebrated yesterday, the principal event being a mass of thanksgiving at 10 o'clock at which Father Bullion was the celebrant and the Rev. William Graham preached the sermon. The congregation is preparing to give the pastor a new residence, adjoining the present church at Tenth avenue and Amity street.

Father Bullion was ordained a priest in Montreal, Canada, December 21, 1878, and his first mass was said on Christmas day that year in St. Mary's church, Sharpsburg. After two years' work he organized the church at Homestead and has built it up from a small beginning to a membership of about 500 families.

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LARKIN TO LEAVE TOWN TONIGHT ON A TRIP

Controller Announces He Is Preparing Another Broadside Against Opponents.

Controller John B. Larkin announced yesterday that he intended to "drop off the map" tonight and that he would absent himself from the city for a few days. The controller announced that he was not "going far away," but hinted that when he returned he would prepare to deliver another broadcast on municipal topics.

The controller expects to bring back some information on electric light that will put to rout his opponents. He said he would be able to prove that his figures were correct in regard to the cost of light in other cities, particularly in Cleveland, and that he would also produce facts in his next statement to the public to show that the local light monopoly is charging Pittsburgh more than it charges boroughs and other towns in Allegheny county. From the controller's remarks it is believed that he intends to make a second trip to Cleveland.

Money for Butler's Relief.

The subscriptions to the Butler relief fund yesterday amounted to $229.10, making the total $5,712.09. The contributions yesterday were: Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association of McKees Rocks, $50; Window Glass Workers' association, $100; Simon Burns, $43.10; John Muldoon & Sons, $20, and the Second M. P. church, $5. The relief committee has not yet sent any of the money to the stricken city.

CAMPBELL'S.

Great Tumble of Prices Among the Big Toys.

To clear the floor in the Toy Department so that the crushing crowds of the last days can have room to move about, "The People's Store" announces the following cut prices on big toys:

—$1.50 Express Wagons cut to $1.10.
—$1 Doll Beds cut to 69c.
—Children's Morris Chairs of the $1.50 grade cut to 89c.
—Toy Stoves, with utensils, cut from $1 to 69c.
—Magic Lanterns, with slides, cut from $1 to 75c.
—$1 Miniature Railroads cut to $2.75.
—$1.50 Sleds cut to $1.

Winter Resorts Excursion Rates.

Seaboard Air Line Railway, shortest route to Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Camden and Florida. J. J. Fuller, 502 Park building.

A Merry Christmas

Store open evenings until Christmas.

There is a merry and a happy Christmas in store for all the recipients of Bennett furs—Little children, girls, young and matronly women will all be made glad—

The unusually busy time in our fur factory—is undoubtedly due to the excellence of our skins—which we import direct—and to the distinctive styles and unexcelled workmanship—

Persian jackets are quite the thing this year—Some with high collars—Others with no collars—Some with tight fitting back and some loose—

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This is a rare opportunity for those who wish the very finest baby grand pianos for Christmas gifts. And it need hardly be said that an art grand is the most elegant gift that any music loving person can receive.

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$325 and upward.
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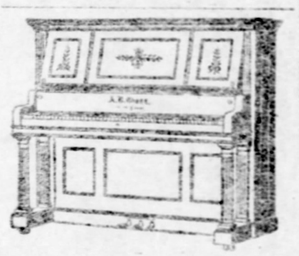

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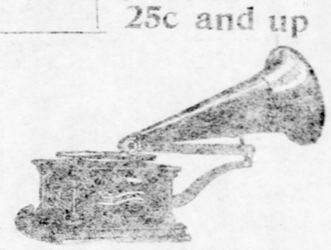

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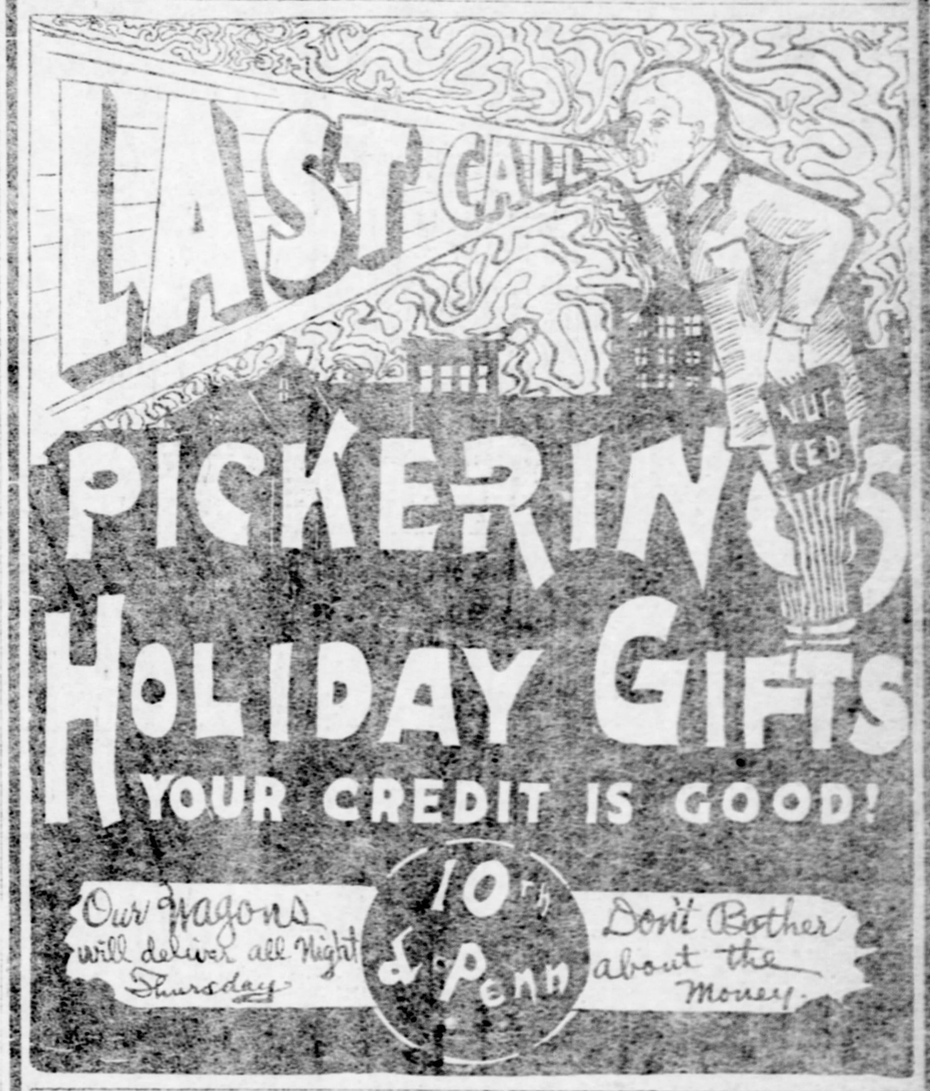

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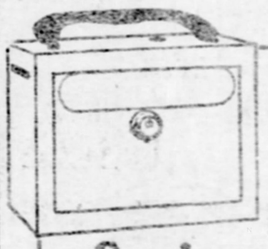

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Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the [illegible] and common council of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the city comptroller be and is hereby authorized to transfer the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars from [illegible] No. 1, bureau of [illegible] to [illegible] No. 2, bureau of engineering and [illegible] department of public works.

Sec. 2. That so much of any ordinance or any [illegible] with or to [illegible] the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into law in councils this 17th day of December, A. D. 1903.

JOHN C. CLAYTON,
President Pro Tem. of Select Council.

Attest: [illegible]
Clerk of Select Council.

LAFAYETTE HALL, City Controller.
HARRY DAVIS,
President of Common Council.

ROBERT [illegible], Jr., City Clerk.

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Sentences have been imposed upon the leaders in the Kishineff massacre, ranging from five and seven years' imprisonment, respectively, for the two chief instigators, down to nominal penalties for the mere rioters. Coincidentally a report comes by way of Germany that another massacre of the Jews at Kishineff is being planned for the Christmas season. Russia reckons by the old calendar, so the Christmas comes in that country on January 4 of our calendar. It is said, also, that disturbances are feared in other sections at about the same time, and that the police are doing nothing to prevent. Russian civilization is not a long way removed from barbarism, when exemplified by the common people, and the only apparent relief for the Jews is the Zionist movement. Justice cannot be expected from Russian officialdom.

Consul Skinner has not only reached Abyssinia on his mission to open King Menelik's domain to American trade, but he has secured from the dusky monarch a promise to visit the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis next year. King Menelik has a rare treat in store. He will see when he comes the best of all that the world can produce gathered in one place for his inspection, and when he returns to Africa he must take back with him an impressive remembrance of a great country where the people do things. Pittsburgh will be glad to entertain his majesty and show him the greatest steel mills and glass factories in the world and a town that never sleeps. Consul Skinner is evidently the right man in the right place this time, for no one dreamed he would capture a king when he was sent on an errand to merely open a route for commerce.

William J. Bryan, erstwhile advocate on the hustings for the plain people, spent 15 minutes yesterday in the royal presence of the czar of all the Russias, Nicholas II. It is recorded that the imperial potentate gave a cordial reception to the former Democratic candidate, and in reply to a question explained in detail the Russian educational system. That must have been an edifying spectacle. It was a case where extremes met, and Mr. Bryan must have had the consciousness that there is not, after all, such a wide gap between an imperial autocrat and a man who has made a howling success of being beaten in his candidacy for the highest office of a great republic. Especially when Nicholas assured him of the profound friendship of himself and his empire for the people of the United States. Possibly it has increased his estimate of the respect due a sovereign people.

While there continue to be assurances that Japan's reply to Russia, delivered to Ambassador de Rosen at Tokyo yesterday, will pave the way for peace, there is no denying that an uneasy feeling prevails. Lloyds marine insurance is an indicator of international relations not to be despised, and rates upon vessels and cargoes destined for Japan have risen alarmingly during the past few days. Oriental diplomacy is of a character that open declarations cannot always be taken at their face value. Russia is part in Europe, and Japan has taken many lessons from western civilization, yet the diplomacy of both nations partakes more of the orient than of the occident. When protestations of peace are loudest there may be the gravest danger that both are preparing to strike the blow that will be more deadly because not fully expected. We hope it is to be peace in the far east, but believe Lloyds to be wise in demanding high rates.

A report from the consular congress was read and approved by the Pittsburgh chamber of commerce yesterday, opposing the appointment of consuls as reward for political services. In part this resolution is just, though it leaves an unfair inference that the American consular service is inefficient as a whole. Upon this point both English and German manufacturers have repeatedly declared that American inroads upon foreign markets are largely due to the superiority of the American consular system. Very recently a leading German manufacturer compared the rapid-fire American consular system with the red tape of the German service in a way highly complimentary to the Americans. We believe, of course, in promotion of consular agents on merit and retention of good men regardless of changes in administration—a policy adopted by President Roosevelt—but we respectfully submit that American political workers in general are more wide-awake than the "sons-of-somebody" who get the consular appointments abroad.

Colombia continues sending small detachments of troops to Panama. The latest movement is the landing of 100 men on the Isla de Pines, ostensibly to establish a base of supplies for larger operations. Of course, these movements call for no action on the part of the United States. The duty of this country is to keep open the lines of commerce across the isthmus, and to that end marines have been landed and disposed in sufficient force. We doubt the ability of Colombia to land large forces on the isthmus, and we doubt her ability to maintain an army there even if she could get one. The small bodies serve the purpose of making a bluff for the "honor of the country," and if driven off by the American marines it will cost less to transport them back home than if the number was larger. In any event the canal treaty has been ratified, ratifications will soon be exchanged, and Colombian power will be worthless in any attempt to undo what has been done. The United States proposes to build that canal, and it will build it.

Orders Coming In.

Orders for iron and steel, it is reported, are being placed with considerable freedom since the various pools announced their firm adherence to prices. This tends to verify the opinion frequently stated in these columns that railroads and other consumers have been staving off their actual necessities in the hope of obtaining lower prices. Finding this hope in vain they have begun to place orders for early delivery, so that with the new year we may expect a material improvement in this branch of business.

A movement of this sort resembles somewhat a snowball rolling down hill. It gathers momentum and material as it progresses. One order invites another, and as the prospect for immediate delivery diminishes the necessity of quick action to obtain anything approaching early delivery increases. At the present time basic conditions are so favorable that a rapid recovery of confidence and activity is the natural course. Many Pittsburgh mills are booked for their full capacity for the first six months of next year, despite the supposed depression. Recently they have been very active in securing foreign business with excellent results. So now, with a revival of domestic demand, the prospect for this region is for full employment and a continuance of prosperity. This should help to make a merry Christmas for the Greater Pittsburgh.

Turning Down Gorman.

Senator Gorman is likely to have more than a little trouble in holding his Democratic senators against the Panama treaty under the two-thirds caucus rule. It will be remembered the rule made an exception in favor of senators bound by instructions from the legislatures of their states, the state instructions ranking superior to those of the caucus. Yesterday the Louisiana legislature, assembled at Baton Rouge, passed a resolution instructing both Louisiana senators to vote for the Panama treaty as a measure in the public interest.

It need surprise no one if other state legislatures in the south follow the Louisiana example. It has been evident for some time that popular sentiment in the south favors the canal and is not in sympathy with the Gorman attempt to make a party issue of it. Some weeks ago The Gazette reproduced extracts from editorials in the Atlanta Constitution, the leading Democratic paper of the eastern division of the south, strongly favoring the policy of the administration. Yesterday another powerful appeal, sent by wire, was printed. The New Orleans and Galveston papers reflect the prevalence of the same sentiment in the central and western portions of the south. Now the Louisiana legislature speaks officially for the central section.

There can hardly be any doubt about the attitude of Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Texas on this question. The interests of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia are practically identical with those of the states named. The Constitution speaks for Georgia. Alabama will hardly try to instruct Senator Morgan, the Nicaragua crank, but it is highly probable the Democratic house leader, John Sharp Williams, would welcome a flat-footed declaration from Mississippi that would allow him to stand for Panama, as he did for Cuban reciprocity. Of course, he has no vote on the treaty, but is likely to be called on to deal with the subject in other aspects. It will be interesting to note how Mr. Gorman will get out if the legislative instructions to the minority senators become epidemic.

Return of Sir Thomas.

The next challenger for the America's cup will also be a Shamrock—Shamrock IV. Everyone expected that Sir Thomas Lipton would again challenge for the international trophy, but it was thought that the baronet might try to win the smiles of fortune under another name than that of the Irish emblem. But on the occasion of the presentation to him of the silver service subscribed for by Americans, he delared he was willing to have "one last try, provided I have a reasonable chance of success, especially as the next Shamrock will be a lucky four-leaved one." It is quite clear, however, that Sir Thomas does not pin his trust to the four leaves, but refers to the old Irish superstition in a sentimental way only, because the four-leaved shamrock has its place in the hearts of Irishmen the world over as the token rather than the harbinger of good fortune and as the Irish patriots' badge of national faith. Sir Thomas, if he sails another race, as he expects to do, and as he is expected to do, will sail it the fourth of the old name, as an Irishman true to his colors, but when he does it, it will be after he has assured himself of "a reasonable chance of success." As a keen and successful business man, his campaign will begin with success in view, and before Sir Thomas left his vermiform appendix in Chicago he took the American public into his confidence as to what he considered the starting point of success. Success begins with the designer and proceeds and grows through the plans into their realization in the finished product of the designer's skill. The baronet said he would not race again until he found a designer. Some said that Sir Thomas would race no more on this side the water. Others, more wise, said that he would begin the search for a designer. Does he think he has found the man who can surpass American skill? Or does he think he has found a designer who can produce as good a boat as can be produced in this country, so that the "lucky four-leaved one" may risk the chances of wind and wave and trust the tricks of the navigator against those of the sailing master of the new defender? Perhaps. Sir Thomas does not speak positively in the letter of his words, but the spirit of them is a declaration that he is coming back for another "last try." He will be welcome.

Colombian Characteristics.

The New York Evening Post correspondent at Panama is doing good work in exposing the cruel and vicious character of the Colombian government at that place. To make an end of it upon any grounds is a gain to civilization and apart from the special obligations devolving upon the United States under the treaty of 1846 entered into by New Granada to promote the construction of the isthmian canal, it is quite as much the duty of the United States to stop such abominable misrule as it is that of Europe to curb Turkish oppression.

In his letters the correspondent has shown how the people were systematically blackmailed by the government, under pain of imprisonment and torture if they refused to make the "voluntary subscriptions" periodically demanded. In his latest letter the correspondent gives a list of monopolies created by the Colombian government. The sale of opium, tobacco, cigarettes, beef, pork, salt and ice were all monopolies. A man could not slaughter one of his own cattle without paying $10 for the privilege. Salt costing 50 cents a hundredweight to produce was purchased by the government from a favored contractor at $1.80 and sold by the government to consumers at $4. Gambling was also a government perquisite, the Panama privileges being leased at $50,000 a year; the Colon privileges at $26,000. There was also a lottery under government patronage, which takes a rake-off of 5 per cent of the total value of the prizes. The revenue from this source amounted to $200,000 a year when the French company was in active operation, but is now about $50,000 a year.

Notwithstanding the large revenues squeezed from the people of the isthmus in every possible way, nothing whatever was done with the money in behalf of public interests. Not one road was built, not one river bridged, not one schoolhouse erected. The Colombian government was simply "a kind of piracy," as the correspondent declares. And this is the government whose course is now being championed by the Democratic leaders of the senate, and which has succeeded Aguinaldo's dictatorship as the object of Senator Hoar's Jacobin sentimentalism.

According to the Post the correspondence that preceded the rejection by the Colombian congress of the Panama canal treaty settles the controversy "in favor of" that inspiring song, "I am the Pirate King" for a national anthem—the Colombian national anthem, of course.

The island of Pines, where the Colombians are said to have landed 100,000 strong, isn't the Isle of Pines that we have read about in connection with the determination of a well-known Pittsburgher to stay in the United States.

It doesn't seem in good taste for Russia to be talking war just at this season, but it is to be remembered that Russia's Christmas isn't due until two weeks later.

Of course, the governor of Alexandretta will apologize, as ordered, but what he will really think probably wouldn't be allowed to circulate in the mails.

The pessimist sees that on some days there are more war clouds in the far east than on other days, while the optimist observes that the reverse is true.

Advices from the scene of the meeting indicate that Bryan and Tolstoy stood the strain first rate.

The incoming calendars are a reminder that the resolution period is almost here.

While hanging other things, the mistletoe will probably not be forgotten.

The last shoppers are girding up their loins for a garrison finish.

The dove of peace is having an anxious time of it in the far east.

The unspeakable Turk always admits the truth when he must.

Only a few more days to boost the price of turkey.

Civil Service Reform.

President Roosevelt has shown in his official career a disposition to uphold civil service regulations for which he deserves to receive popular credit. The criticisms that can be brought against him do not lie in this line of public duty.—Boston Herald.

A Ray of Humor.

The Allied People's party is going to hold a national convention and nominate candidates, just to save next year's campaign from being mirthless.—Washington Post.

IT IS TO SMILE.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "is like our black an' tan terrier. He's allus lookin' for a fight an' wouldn't know what to do wif one if he found it."—Washington Star.

Miles—Why didn't you get a larger automobile?
Dent—I wanted one I could push up hill.—Town Topics.

"He's a homely dog," said Mrs. Vray, "but he has a wonderful pedigree. His mother, his grandmother, his great-grandmother, and his great-great-grandmother all lived in Methodist families."—Newark News.

Maud Muller told why she didn't marry the judge.

"He knew too much law," she explained; "or I had wanted to go to Sioux Falls, he might have gotten in ahead of me."

Not deeming this sufficiently poetic, the bard wrote a different version.—New York Sun.

Markham—See here, when you sold me that horse, you said he wouldn't harm a flea.
Gip—Well?
Markham—Well, just look at me. I've been kicked and dragged and—
Gip—Well, my dear sir, you are not a flea.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Quiet Observer.

ERASMUS WILSON.

Blow, blow, thou winter wind!
Thou art not so unkind
As man's ingratitude. —Shakespeare.

Why does the wind whistle?

Haven't you noticed that sometimes the wind blows hard, even fiercely, and yet does not whistle, nor howl, as at other times?

Yesterday was one of the whistling sort, and yet the wind was not particularly strong nor cold.

There is a good and sufficient reason for the whistling of the winds and for the singing of the telegraph wires and the roaring in the mountain gulches and passes before a storm.

The people of Uniontown and of other places near the Blue Ridge are notified of an approaching storm a whole day or more before its arrival, by the roaring in the mountains. This roaring becomes as heavy and loud at times as the rumbling of a railroad train.

Can any of our readers give us the why and the wherefore of this? What has physical geography to say about it? Applied physics, as taught in our schools, ought to touch on these points, or are they too simple to be noticed in school books?

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Have you ever seen Niagara Falls?

If not—well, the physical geographist says there will be no falls there in about 2,500 years from now. So, don't blame us for not warning you in time.

Here is what John M. Harper, Ph.D., LL.D., has to say about it, and he ought to know, at least, he probably knows as much about it as anyone else:

"Assuming the continuity of the forces named, we might outline the probable future life and death of the falls thus:

"With progressive loss in water volume the Canadian falls will reach the south end of Goat Island in from 1,000 to 1,500 years, the death of the American falls.

"The flow of the waters will now have become intermittent, and at first only at periods of mean and high water in Lake Erie, eventually at high water alone, will there be any discharge over the escarpment. This will continue for a period of from 1,500 to 2,000 years.

"The entire flow to the north will cease, and the river will flow back into Lake Erie, leaving the escarpment dry at a point not very far south of Goat Island and with a height of about 100 feet. This will be 3,500 years hence the death of Niagara falls.

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This does not comport with Mrs. Sigourney's ideas; but then she was a poet, and had lofty ideas. Here are two stanzas from her "Apostrophe to Niagara":

"Flow on forever, in thy glorious robe
Of terror and of beauty. God hath set
His rainbow on thy forehead, and the clouds
Mantled around thy feet. And He doth give
Thy voice of thunder power to speak of Him
Eternally; bidding the lips of man
Keep silence, and upon thy rocky altar, pour
Incense of awe-struck praise.

"The morning stars * * * *
When first they sang o'er young creation's birth,
Heard the deep anthem; and those wrecking fires
That wait the arch angel's signal, to dissolve
The solid earth, shall find Jehovah's name
Graven as with a thousand diamond spears
On thine unfathomed page. Each leafy bough,
That lifts itself within thy proud domain,
Doth gather greenness from thy living spray,
And trembles at the baptism.

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And then comes Prof. Wright, and a large company of geologists who, after looking over our humps and hollows, conclude that sometime in the past—no matter how long—the waters from our hills ran toward the lakes and not away from them, and that Niagara falls were not at all, or if there was any fall whatever it was in the opposite direction from what it is now.

They go over Monument hill in Allegheny and gather sufficient evidence to satisfy them that the very top of that eminence was once a river's bed on the river, and that the tops of our surrounding hills were the river banks, and that since that time the direction of the flow or water has changed, and that a canyon nearly 200 feet deep has been cut and Pittsburgh is in the midst of it.

And from their point of view it looks as though they may be right in their conclusions, for when you come to think it over and to realize the fact that the top of Mt. Washington is on a level with the country back of it, and that the hills along our rivers are no higher, if as high, as the farms beyond them—when all this is taken into account it does seem that our cities are down in a hole, or deep cut.

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And how few of us have a realizing sense of these facts?

It was Prof. Jilson who brought this to the attention of the people; and with the aid of his high school class made some maps of hereabouts giving sectional views which show very clearly and satisfactorily that we are living in a great canyon which really eclipses in magnitude and wonder some others about which much has been told and written.

This tends to show that we needn't go away from home to find wonders and grandeur.

Do you ever go to the top of Mt. Washington and the hills heretofore—you who don't live on the hilltop?

How many of you have ever seen our world-famous steel plants? And how many of you know our world-famous citizens?

And yet you go to Europe, and to far-off countries in order to see great and wonderful things.

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One trouble with us is that we don't know ourselves very well.

You have often heard it said, no doubt, that one-half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives. Indeed, there are few who have anything like a definite idea as to how the many live; nor are they much concerned about it, being taken up mainly with their own affairs.

And then there are very few who live alike, or after the same fashion. As you know, there are never two houses furnished alike, nor do individuals dress alike, nor eat alike, no more than they think, feel and act alike.

Several sisters, for instance, reared and trained by the same mother, marry and scatter off to different parts of the city or country, and set up for themselves. After their several homes have been established one would hardly be led to recognize their relationship from the likeness of their manner of keeping house.

Each and everyone has an individuality of his own, and peculiar to himself which, in spite of all, will assert itself when he is free to follow his own tastes. Education, training and environment will have their peculiar influence, yet not to the extinction of his individuality.

And that is why we are all different.

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Some seem to be born to have good and prosperous times, no matter whether they toil and struggle hard and faithfully or take things as they come; while others seems to be born to hard luck, no matter how they may toil and strive.

Not a few of these feel that they are being treated unfairly; and maybe some are, but the chances are that more are not treating themselves fairly. Their education and training may not have been well suited to their peculiar individuality; or they may have got situated into a calling for which they are not fitted; or they may have ignored their own tastes and fitness and taken up something different because it looked to be easier, or was thought to be more respectable.

Anyway it is no more likely that all will get on alike in life than that all will look alike and act alike.

Don't blame your failures and discomforts on your neighbors, nor harbor the notion that you are being discriminated against, but do the best you can and whatever comes of it will be what is coming to you.

And above all, don't nurse your discomforts, dwell on your ills, nor advertise your troubles, for if you do they will wax stronger instead or growling less.

Cultivate the whistling habit, for they do say no fellow can think or do ill while he whistles.

The best for us is the best we can do for ourselves, so when we have done our best it is folly to quarrel with destiny.

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The fellow that goes "thaw" for "pee"
Will find he hasn't got full swing.
The best is good enough for me.

One only knows our needs, and He
Does all of the distributing.
I quarrel not with destiny:
The best is good enough for me.
—James Whitcomb Riley.

Talked of in New York

GEORGE C. JENKS.

(By Private Wire to The Gazette.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—It is to the credit of the police department that there were no accidents through all the opening ceremonies at the Williamsburg bridge. The bridge was in charge of the police, and each man knew what he had to do. The only tragic item was the turning down of a number of passes signed by Police Commissioner Greene for admission to the old Brooklyn bridge on Saturday evening. "Who is Greene?" asked one Tammany policeman contemptuously as he ordered the holder of a pass "back to the woods." "He cuts no ice now." It was rather premature to get at distance the commissioner even before Christmas, but all the policemen on the bridge were doing it. They had been trembling at his nod for many months, and the satisfaction of getting him at defiance now was too great to be resisted.

There might easily have been accidents if the arrangements had not been made so carefully. But with the memory of the disaster at the old bridge, 20 years ago, the authorities were not taking chances. In every way the bridge seems to be a success. People who have walked over—numbering hundreds of thousands by this time—say that it is a pleasant experience, while those who live in the Williamsburg district and until now have been compelled to make a wide detour to get between their homes and places of business are jubilant. There is one little peculiarity of the bridge that was not anticipated. That is that it has its own private cyclones and hurricanes between the great steel towers. The fact is not widely known, but up each sidewalk of Broadway Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street are nothing compared to the whirlwinds that steal men's hats, tear at women's draperies, and make walking a difficult athletic feat at the new bridge towers. It is necessary to have a policeman at each of them perpetually. The roadway is used for pedestrians at present, and there are wide spaces in the fence through which a child, or even an ordinary-sized man, might easily be blown into the river.

Use for Bridge Not in Specifications.

Battle royal has already taken place in the middle of the new bridge between "de Delancey street gang and de Williamsburg terrors." The members of both crowds of warriors are generally about 10 years of age, but all are full of fight. Brooklyn and the east side of Manhattan have never before had such a chance to come into collision, and the police will have to keep on the alert perpetually if they mean to stop daily scrapping.

Gets Anything He Wants.

Andrew Carnegie wanted a park gate opposite his house. Now he will get it. He and several residents of Fifth avenue in the neighborhood have asked the park commissioners to open a gate at Nineteenth street, immediately opposite the Carnegie mansion. The original park plans show that there was to be an "ornamental gate" at that point, so that in opening it now at the request of Mr. Carnegie and his neighbors, the commissioner is only carrying out first intentions. Mr. Carnegie may be seen in the park on any fine day, and he wants a quick means of entrance. Heretofore he has had to go up Ninety-sixth street or down to Eighty-sixth street, below the museum of art. As soon as the new gate is opened he will have a short cut into the park whenever he chooses to walk—as he usually does. A carriage is a good thing in its way, but Andrew Carnegie has a sturdy pair of legs and he likes to use them.

Distinction Among Diners.

"Table d' Hote de Luxe," at $2 a plate, is the latest dinner fad in New York. Dinners at $1.50 are not rare in this city, but never until the past week has there been found a hotel manager willing to stake his reputation on a $2 affair. A swell hotel in Central park west has adopted the new institution. Among the guests last night was a Pittsburg man. In describing the meal he said, doubtfully: "It was a good dinner, all right, but it is pretty hard to convince me that any meal as dry as a sawdust is worth $2. I want a few drinks when coming along when I toss a $2 chip into the center. But the funniest thing in the whole business was the way in which we $2 diners were tagged to distinguish us from the ordinary mortals who were satisfied with the regular bill of fare. As we entered the room each one was presented with a large carnation for the buttonhole. The carnation tag created a sensation, for as we came out there was a laughing crowd of unkind acquaintances waiting in the lobby, to yell, rudely: 'Hello, here, you $2 boy.'" All the same, the $2 dinner has taken well, boutonnieres and all.

Will Have New Piers.

Many changes in steamship piers are projected along the North river front. If the plans are carried out, several of the big lines, including the American, White Star and Atlantic Transport, will have new piers in what is known as the "Chelsea district" between Fourteenth and Twenty-third streets.

Some Strange Bed Fellows.

Political enemies are not necessarily personal foes. The make-up of the guest list for the forthcoming "Amen corner" dinner exemplifies that pleasantly. Grover Cleveland and William Jennings Bryan are invited, but neither is likely to be present. Bryan for geographical reasons. Senator Platt, Charles F. Murphy, Tammany boss; Controller Grout, Chauncey Depew and so on. Some of these gentlemen have fought each other hard for years while others, like Senator Depew, are complaisant in all companies. This "Amen corner" affair promises to be a spectacular love feast.

Done Without Thinking.

"One might think that Americans were disposed to be cannibalistic," remarked the superintendent of one of the finest skyscrapers in lower Broadway, as he pointed to the highly polished marble pillars at the entrance to the building, "but they are not as a rule. They are only thoughtless." The reason for his remark was plain. Marks of matches scratched on the polished marble extended for a foot square on each pillar. "Those marks were mostly made by young men who would not think of injuring anything wantonly if they thought what they were doing. But they don't think. That's the trouble. Now the porters and watchmen here have orders to threaten arrest when they see a man strike a match on the marble. That will cause some controversy in each case, of course, and I hope eventually we shall shame the delinquents into keeping their wits about them when they want to strike matches. Why don't they do it in the good, old-fashioned way—on the leg of their trousers?"

No Place to Move To.

Managers of moving van companies say there is less moving going on in New York this month than in any December for several years. They lay it to the scarcity of good apartments at reasonable rents. If one wants to live in a nice flat, in a convenient, respectable neighborhood he must pay for it, and pay high. Many apartment houses have gone up in the last year but the rents are prohibitive to the man of ordinary means.

It is suggested that if the capitalists who are putting up expensive hotels in the Tenderloin district would turn some of their money into apartment houses, it would be a boon for the unfortunate flat-dweller who cannot afford to live at the Waldorf-Astoria, or hotels of similar rank. It is to be hoped that the new Williamsburg bridge may simplify the situation, but that is not likely, for the confirmed Manhattaner has a horror of living in Brooklyn.

Pittsburghers at the Hotels.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels today:

Waldorf-Astoria.—J. M. Hanson.
Holland.—S. H. Vandergrift, Mrs. Vandergrift, Miss Alice Vandergrift, Dallas C. Byers, Frederick Byers.
Navarre.—T. E. Snyder.
Wyndham.—James Laughlin III.
Herald Square.—H. J. Bloeger, C. W. Mabie.
Manhattan.—E. M. Herr, S. S. Belden, W. S. Arbuthnot, George H. Christy, George A. Magoon, C. H. McCauley.
Ashland.—W. S. Shacklett.
Continental.—A. A. Hillman.
Fifth Avenue.—J. Worthington.
Victoria.—L. D. Poehler, D. C. Thomas.
St. George.—T. A. Clelland.
Astor.—F. P. Gazzam, A. H. Childs, R. Pringle, B. J. Morris.
Imperial.—J. A. Herron.
Vendome.—J. B. Smythe, Miss Smythe.
Broadway Central.—L. Friedberg.
St. Denis.—H. E. Bateman, B. C. Spencer.

The Nation's Capital.

L. W. STRAVER.

(By Private Wire to The Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt proposes to take a vacation almost directly the holiday recess of congress begins. That is, he has determined to get in but two days more at the executive offices and then pass until New Years he will receive callers only after 1:00 p. m. each day. The president has had a very hard fall and winter, many public questions of great importance demanding his attention, together with the regular routine attendance upon an extra session of congress, followed immediately by a regular session. From 9 o'clock a. m. until 6 p. m. he has been held closely to his desk, and many of the evenings have been taken up with political conferences and matters that can properly be called recreation.

So when congress adjourned on Saturday, the president announced that he was going to adjourn also, or at least, hold very short sessions. He started in today by reporting at the office in the morning, and remaining there just long enough to ascertain that Colombia had not declared war, or any other great event had occurred and then he went away leaving word that he would not be back until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Then he took a walk over to Secretary Hay's house in Sixteenth street just across Lafayette square from the White House, to see the secretary, who is confined to his house by illness.

Disappointed Bride and Groom.

Returning to the White House, the president took his carriage and with Mrs. Roosevelt drove to the suburb where their saddle horses were in waiting, and took a cross-country gallop for a couple of hours. A number of callers and representatives who had not been informed of the president's intention to work only half-time, called at the White House during the morning, but were unable to see him.

Among them were Senators Stewart and Long, and Speaker Cannon. Among the callers in the afternoon were a bride and groom, who waited patiently for several hours for Senator Hanna, brought to present them to the president, but they were obliged to depart without receiving the Roosevelt blessing, which fact will probably always remain the chief regret of their wedding journey.

The Roosevelt family are now at the White House, and will be together for the Christmas reunion. Theodore, Jr., and Kermit have arrived home from school at Groton, Mass., and Miss Alice, who has been visiting in the east, has also returned. Following the usual custom, there will be no Christmas tree at the White House, but the family will breakfast together Christmas morning, and at the conclusion of the meal they will exchange gifts. Last why the Roosevelts do not follow the usual custom of hanging their presents on a tree is not known, but they seem to prefer the simpler way of merely exchanging presents on Christmas morning.

Christmas at the White House.

After each one has admired his presents, the whole family will go to the residence of Capt. Cowles, the president's brother-in-law, where the Roosevelt children will help Master Stanfield Cowles celebrate his Christmas tree. They will then return to the White House for the Christmas dinner, which will be served about midday, and after that, if the weather is fair, the whole family will likely go for a horseback ride, as they did last year. At 7 o'clock the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will be joined at dinner by Senator and Mrs. Lodge, and a few other close personal friends, and the evening will be spent at the White House with an informal neighborly visit. It is quite likely that the president will attend service during the morning, and may be accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt.

Something of an innovation this year will be the return of all presents sent to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt by strangers. It has been decided to accept no gifts, except those from personal friends and all others will be sent back to the givers with a note that will not give grounds for offense at this action. It has been the policy of the president to accept no presents during his administration from individuals that is, no presents of any value. In the case of the saddle horse "Rough Rider," that was given to him by the people of that state the money necessary to buy it was contributed by a large number of persons. Small presents of no intrinsic value have been accepted by the president and his wife when they were sent merely as evidences of friendship and good will.

Close Watch on Panama.

Although the president will adhere to his determination to make a holiday of the recess, yet he will keep in close touch with affairs, and especially with developments on the isthmus of Panama. Cabinet meetings will be held twice a week, as usual, and the president will confer with the individual members of the cabinet as often as it may be necessary. For there is no denying the fact that affairs in South America appear to be reaching a critical stage, when it may become necessary at any time to take prompt and decisive action.

The president has the situation well in hand and he proposes to keep hold of the reins. Secretary of War Root, Secretary of the Navy Moody, and Secretary of State Hay will all be in the city continually with the president, with the exception of a day or two, and each will keep his official eye well trained on the isthmus. Secretary Moody probably bears the most responsibility, since it is evident that the administration prefers to have the situation solved by the navy alone, if possible, and without sending troops to Panama. The criticisms on the administration that have been spoken by the Democrats in the senate recently have had no effect upon the course outlined by the administration. That course has been definitely decided upon, and it will be adhered to by the president and his cabinet, no matter what developments may occur. Every effort will be made to avoid a conflict with Colombia, but if that is found to be unavoidable, then the alternative will be accepted by the United States.

An Honorable Settlement.

The settlement of the vexed question of the friars' land in the Philippines is in accordance with the ideas of Secretary Root and Governor Taft and applied by the administration some three years since. It is honorable to the United States government, highly creditable to the authorities of the church of Rome, and as nearly satisfactory to the friars as could be expected.—New York Times.

Effect of Slow Justice.

Why should not justice be just as swift and sure in the United States as in Great Britain? Why should there be more homicides in this country in a month than there are in England in a year? Is it not because further on up slow here the criminals have a reasonable hope it will not overtake them at all, or, if it does, that it may not harm them when caught?—Chicago Tribune.

Willing to Compromise.

The Russian bear is a conciliatory sort of an animal. When he demands 97 points in a row he is almost always willing to compromise on 35 or 96.—Indianapolis Journal.

Worth Remembering.

The statute of limitations may stand between the boodler and the penitentiary, but it doesn't stand between him and the contempt of all honest men.—Kansas City Journal.

Neighbors Visiting Pittsburgh.

The nearby residents registered at the local hotels last night were as follows:

Colonial—A. C. Marsh, Wheeling; J. S. Powell, California; A. G. Lloyd, Wellsburg; S. Jackson, Butler; J. C. Learn, Lancaster.

Anderson—H. M. Alexander, Canton, O.; H. Strong, On City; J. J. McCormick, Wheeling.

Newell—W. N. Potts, Beaver Falls; W. W. Finney, Altoona; G. A. Sutton, Bellaire; C. S. Nickson, Bradford.

Seventh Avenue—T. H. Thompson, Brownsville; S. G. Lambert, Blairsville; W. H. Hamilton, Connellsville; G. A. Leslie, Parkersburg.

Duquesne—S. Sozka, Irwin; John A. Scott, Indiana; F. J. McKenna, Coal Center; T. Lewis, Leechburg; E. C. Gaffney, Erie.

Henry—N. R. Hardacre, Milton; J. E. Tufts, Marietta; C. E. Crawford, Uniontown; E. M. Peters, Leechburg; F. W. Ward, Uniontown; W. M. McCleary, Butler.

Griswold—F. M. Harvis, Bayard; A. B. Hoard, Meadville; J. Will, Lancaster; J. L. Bowery, Wheeling; R. F. Watson, East Liverpool.

Monongahela House—C. H. Duncan, Washington; R. G. Thompson, East Liverpool; L. M. Gleason, Meyersdale; John M. Wilson, Connellsburg; R. F. Hopwood, Uniontown.

The Death Roll.

Robert S. Moore.

Robert S. Moore, 60 years old, a former well known business man of Connellsburg, died yesterday morning at his home, No. 327 Virginia avenue, Mt. Washington. He was born at Independence, Washington county, Pa., and about 35 years ago came to Pittsburgh and settled on Mt. Washington. He was employed as an agent for a wholesale shoe house in this city. Mr. Moore is survived by his widow, Mrs. Laverna C. Moore, three sons and two daughters. Funeral services will be held at his late home at 3 o'clock this evening. The remains will be taken to Independence for interment tomorrow morning.

Mrs. John H. Postlus.

Mrs. Clara Postlus, 51 years old, wife of John H. Postlus, a prominent contractor of Butler, Pa., died on Sunday at her home in Walnut street, Butler, of typhoid fever. Mrs. Postlus was well-known in Pittsburgh and had many friends here. She was a member of the First English Lutheran church, Butler, and besides her husband, she is survived by two small children. Her remains will be interred at Freeport, Pa., her former home, at 2 o'clock p. m. today.

John Jackson.

John Jackson, aged 47, died at his home on Oak Hill, North Versailles township, early yesterday morning after a long illness of stomach trouble. The deceased was born in England and came to America, locating in Oak Hill nearly 20 years ago. He was employed at the East Pittsburgh plant of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company. He was a member of the Westinghouse Beneficial association and of Bray Post, No. 111, Grand Army of America. He is survived by his widow and six children.

Louis C. Vanuxem.

Louis C. Vanuxem, one of the last living members of the Philadelphia bar, died there yesterday. He was born at Kingsville, Ohio, in 1818, was a graduate of Princeton, a member of the Union league, Gridiron, University and Princeton clubs, a trustee of Jefferson Medical college and hospital and a manager of the Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Mt. Airy. During the fever epidemic at Porto Rico in 1900 Mr. Vanuxem was a member of the relief committee sent to the island from Philadelphia.

Mrs. A. S. Milholland.

News has been received in Uniontown of the death at Bucyrus, O., of Mrs. Milholland, wife of the Rev. Dr. A. S. Milholland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Uniontown. Mrs. Milholland has been with her mother at Bucyrus since June and death resulted from cancer. Her maiden name was Miss Fuller. Since 1890 Dr. Milholland has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Uniontown, one of the wealthiest churches in Western Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Brooke Herford, D. D.

The death in England of the Rev. Brooke Herford, D. D., the distinguished Unitarian clergyman and writer, was announced at London yesterday. He was born in England in 1830, in 1868 Dr. Herford became pastor of the Church of the Messiah in Chicago. In 1882 he went to Boston as pastor of the Arlington Street church. Later he resigned to accept a call to the Rosslyn Hill chapel, London.

Mrs. Esther Tarr.

Mrs. Esther Tarr, wife of Thomas Tarr, is dead at Washington, Pa., aged 60 years. Besides her husband she is survived by three children: Mrs. Mary Grant, Pittsburgh; Thomas Tarr, Washington; Mrs. Katherine Knox, Tyrone dale; William Tarr, Washington; Campbell Tarr, Tyberdale; Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, and Wilson Tarr, and Mrs. Annie Boyd, Washington.

Obituary Notes.

William G. Reed, aged 52 years, the first telegrapher at Chambersburg, Pa., is dead.

John Swagler, a farmer, aged 72 years, residing in Peters township, Washington county, dropped dead yesterday from heart failure.

Mrs. Sarah Anderson Brisbin died in Rochester last evening, aged 87 years. She was a member of the Rochester Lutheran church.

Mrs

XMAS BUYERS CROWDED SHOPS

Local Merchants Hailed Coming of the "Basket Brigade" With Fat Purses.

BIG JAM AT THE POSTOFFICE

The real Christmas shopper made his debut yesterday. The holiday buyers who have been seen for the last fortnight before the counters of shops and department stores, of course, were making Christmas purchases, but they lacked the bustle and enthusiasm, the pious face and the do-or-die, buy-or-break look that frets the countenances of the money-spenders who broke forth yesterday. They lined every downtown thoroughfare and jammed every establishment. They drove expressmen to a frenzy and will keep the postoffice employes at work for a week to come. The Christmas shopper just now is irresistible.

Merchants may lose patience with members of the "basket brigade" that breaks loose just before Christmas, but deep down in their hearts the tradesman is glad to see them and exults in their increasing numbers. The Christmas shoppers like those who raided the big stores yesterday, are utterly reckless in the use of their money. They regard sentiment before a fat purse, and will remember their friends in the merry season, regardless of the expense.

Such is the character of the crowd that swarmed in book stores yesterday. Book counters, cigar stores, bric-a-brac shops, confectionery stands and the jewelers had to bear the brunt of the attack. But all classes of dealers enjoy the harvest, from the swell furrier who supplies madam with a $500 sealskin sacque, to the vender of toys, who sells the small boy the tiny penny doll that goes to the baby sister. The music stores and art dealers are doing a rushing business, and the extent of the trade in expensive articles today handle indicates that Pittsburghers are spending their money with a liberal hand.

Nearly 50,000 Christmas trees will be lighted up in honor of Santa Claus on Christmas eve in Greater Pittsburgh, and the decorating of these creates a demand for an immense amount of all kinds of holiday wares. Not all of the pretty things bought in local shops, however, will remain here. Half the gifts will go out of town to gladden the hearts of the recipients and the crowds that thronged the Pittsburgh postoffice yesterday gave warning that distant friends of people here would be generously remembered. Extra clerks were employed and arrangements were made for handling the largest number of packages in the history of the Pittsburgh office.

A window for the registration of letters and packages was opened in the main corridor, and all day long a line of patrons stood there waiting the chance to put Uncle Sam's protective seal upon valuable articles. Thousands of special delivery stamps were sold to hurry along tardy messages of good cheer and scales were placed on tables in the hallway to facilitate senders in determining the postal rates.

Clerks were besieged with depositors for gold coin and new paper dollars. Other unique gifts will be made. Some policies will be found in some cases as stockings, and in others will be further gifts for property. A return of notes, canceling old debts, is not unlikely. In at least one home in Pittsburg an ambitious young woman will wake up on Christmas morning and find a large envelope in her stocking, containing ticket, hotel coupons and $200 for pin money for a trip to Europe next summer.

JUDGE G. E. BALDWIN'S EXPLANATION ACCEPTED

Makes Satisfactory Statement of His Case to the State Department.

[By Patrick Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Judge George E. Baldwin of Canton, who was mentioned in a rather uncomplimentary manner in the Bristow report on the postoffice department frauds, was here today and had a conference with the state department.

It was intimated by Mr. Bristow that Judge Baldwin had used his influence in the interest of the Dent register at the behest of Representative Dalzell, who is consul to Nuremburg, Germany, made a statement of his case to the state department which was accepted as satisfactory, and it is reported that in a few days the department will issue a statement exonerating him from any blame.

He is in this country on leave and did not wish to return to his post without first assuring the department that he was not guilty of any blame in connection with the postoffice scandals. He was a close personal friend of President McKinley.

L. W. STRATER.

Randolph Slave Dead, Aged 102.

PIQUA, O., Dec. 21.—James Rial, one of the original Randolph slaves, died at the county infirmary here today. His age was between 102 and 105 years, he having no knowledge as to the date of his birth. He had lived in Piqua since 1846.

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—Nougats —Half Shells
—Pralines —Pecan Halves

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PITTSBURGH IS TO BE BENEFITED

Sale of Schenley Estate Will Transform Several Sections of the City.

BIG VALUE OF THE PROPERTIES

Surmises as to the disposition of the vast Schenley estate have turned to guesses as to what will be done with the larger parts of the Schenley property in this city when they are sold, as provided by the terms of the will, made public in London last Saturday. Instead of Mrs. Schenley's American estate being worth but $2,000,000, as stated by the London appraisal, the assessed valuation of her property in Pittsburgh and Allegheny alone is $3,696,850. As the triennial assessment will add at least 10 per cent to this sum, which is only three-fourths of the market value, it is estimated that the Schenley holdings in Allegheny county are well worth $5,000,000.

The Schenley holdings down town embrace improved properties in Market, Fort, Water and Hill streets, Duquesne way, Penn, Second and Third avenues. The First and Second ward properties are valued at about $962,000. In the Twelfth ward 262 pieces of property are listed which aggregate in value $1,287,765. These include a large amount of property fading in Liberty and Penn avenues between Twenty-third and Twenty-eighth streets, as well as many small properties on cross streets. The value of the Eighteenth ward property is put at $92,300 and the Twenty-third ward holdings at $107,765. In the Fourth ward, Allegheny, there is listed property worth $82,400, and the Third ward lots are valued at $9,525. The holdings in the four wards last named consist mostly of small residence properties.

The chief interest centers in the property situated in the Fourteenth ward, which is assessed at $1,207,215. The list includes 37 properties, the largest of them being the 28 acres bounded by Fifth avenue, Bayard street, Beilefield avenue and Bouquet street; and the 63-acre tract lying between Center avenue and Bayard street and Bouquet street and Bellefield avenue. The 105 acres of vacant frontage in this ward is by far the most valuable tract within the city limits and could be subdivided into at least 800 high-class residence sites.

If bought by progressive Pittsburghers, it is likely to be improved in a way that will mean a transformation of a large part of the Fourteenth ward. For years this property has been a barrier to the growth of the city, and a building boom there would be welcomed as a means of providing hundreds of desirable homes within 15 minutes' ride of the business center.

The majority of the downtown buildings of Mrs. Schenley are old and dilapidated. To put this property on the market is sure to result in many costly buildings being erected, for many of the sites are well located for retail or wholesale business. Near the Point holdings the list of properties includes many good manufacturing sites. The Lawrenceville property is also admirably adapted for manufactories, and some of the lots are now used for this purpose. This property owing to its good railroad facilities, is likely to find a market soon.

The old Schenley homestead of 100 acres, in the Eighteenth ward, is valued at $84,000, and will be kept by the estate, making a notable addition to Pittsburgh's places of historic interest. The marketing of the remainder of the property cannot fail to bring into the real estate market many new investors and to result in many projects that will add greatly to the city's wealth and advantages.

MILLS RESUME DOUBLE TURN AT HOMESTEAD

Five mills—the 10, 25, 33, 35 and 40-inch at the Homestead steel works of the Carnegie Steel Company that have been closed down for two weeks resumed operations in full yesterday and will work double turn hereafter. Only one department, the converting mill, is now idle. Nearly all the mills making small-sized material have been working irregularly during the last two months, but assurance has been given that all departments will work steady immediately after Christmas. The resumption yesterday caused 1,000 men to resume work, and there are less than 200 employes of the Homestead steel works idle at present.

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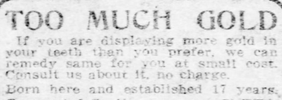

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BOND ISSUE TO REDUCE TAX LEVY

City Indebtedness Amounting to $840,000 Must Soon Be Paid.

THE OPINION OF E. S. MORROW

A bond issue is the latest plan of the administration to keep down the tax levy next year and to pay off the floating indebtedness of the city. This will include $240,000 to pay the claim of the Pennsylvania railroad for street improvements at the new Union station; about $40,000 for judgments for the construction of the Grant boulevard; about $50,000 balance to Thomas Herriott for his property for the Carnegie institute addition and some other costly items that have not yet been compiled.

"I believe that it would be right to make provision for the Grant boulevard judgment in a bond issue," said Assistant Controller E. S. Morrow yesterday. "The money for the construction of the boulevard was provided by a bond issue, but the cost was underestimated by Director Bigelow. Therefore, the balance should be paid out of a bond fund and should not be charged against the regular appropriations. The Herriott claim should be paid in the same manner, but it is, comparatively, a small matter. I do not wish to say anything about the Pennsylvania railroad claim of $240,000, but some provision will have to be made for its payment next year."

In the case of the Herriott claim the purchase of the Finn-Magee site for $350,0000 for the Carnegie technical school depleted all the money remaining in the bond fund for Schenley park excepting about $44,000, which was paid over to Herriott. There remains yet unpaid a balance of over $10,000 for which Herriott has agreed to wait until next year. It was stated at the time of the purchase of the technical school site that there was not enough money in the park bond fund to pay for both the institute site and also for the property required for the addition to the Carnegie institute. The reverse proved true when Herriott presented his claim.

GOVERNOR TAFT WILL CALL ON MIKADO

MANILA, Dec. 21.—Gov. W. H. Taft will leave this city December 28 for the United States. He will visit Tokyo en route, to meet the mikado, at the request of the latter. He will be tendered a reception by the citizens at Honolulu.

Unveiling of Hawkins Memorial.

A meeting of the Col. Alexander L. Hawkins Memorial commission will be held soon after the Christmas holidays to select a date for the unveiling of the monument. It is likely that during the demonstration that the parade will be a strictly military one. June 15 is suggested as the day for the unveiling. On this date in 1898 the Tenth regiment sailed for the Philippines.

HOLIDAY RATES.

$9.20 Pittsburgh to Buffalo and Return Via Pennsylvania R. R.

On account of the Christmas and New Year holidays the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets Pittsburgh to Buffalo on December 24, 25 and 31, 1903, and January 1, 1904, at the low rate of $9.20, tickets good returning until January 4, 1904, inclusive.

Trains leave Union station, Pittsburgh, at 9:00 a. m. and 11:00 p. m., eastern standard time.

DEATHS.

BAILEY—On Monday, December 21, 1903, THOMAS, son of Thomas and Mary E. Bailey, aged 18 years 5 months.

Funeral services at the family residence, 47 Mead street, Nunnery hill, Allegheny, on Wednesday, December 23, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

CAIRNS—On Monday, December 21, 1903, at 11:35 p. m., JANE CAIRNS, beloved wife of James Cairns, in her 67th year, at the family residence, Fourth street, near Pennsylvania avenue, Sheridan, Pa., formerly of County Down, Ireland.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

DALLY—On Saturday, December 19, 1903, at 8:45 p. m., SIDUS H. DALLY, in his 59th year.

Funeral services at his late residence, West Elizabeth, Pa., Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

FOLEY—On Sunday, December 20, 1903, at 8 p. m., at the family residence, 214 Center avenue, Fifty-seventh ward, MICHAEL FOLEY, husband of DELIA FOLEY, aged 65 years.

Funeral on Wednesday, December 23, at 8:30 a. m. Requiem high mass at St. Kieran's church, Fifty-fourth street, at 9 a. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

[Louisville (Ky.) papers please copy.]

HARPER—On Monday, December 21, 1903, MARGARET RUTH, daughter of Sadie and Harry Harper, in the 8th year of her age.

Funeral services at the parents' residence, 21 Rowley street, Tuesday, December 22, 1903. Interment private.

HERRON—On Monday, December 21, 1903, at 9:30 p. m., at her residence, 485 Fifth avenue, LOUISA JANETTE, widow of Col. William A. Herron, in her 82d year.

Notice of funeral later.

HORNBAKE—On Monday, December 21, 1903, at 8:15 p. m., at the residence of her parents, 4501 Center avenue, corner Dallas street, LOTTIE IRENE BERTALOTT, daughter of Albert and Matilda Bertalott and wife of George S. Hornbake, Jr., aged 27 years.

Notice of funeral later.

LITTLE—Suddenly, DAVID I. LITTLE, in his 42d year, Sunday evening, December 20, at 11:20 o'clock, at the residence of his parents, Joseph and Mary A. Little, 38 Porter street.

Funeral on Wednesday at 2 p. m., from his parents' residence, 38 Porter street. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MILLER—On Sunday, December 20, 1903, at 1 p. m., at her residence, 100 Fifth street, Bellahoover, Thirty-eighth ward, ANNA L., beloved wife of George Miller.

Funeral services at her late residence, on Wednesday afternoon, December 23, at 1:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MOORE—On Monday, December 21, 1903, at 5 a. m., ROBERT H., beloved husband of Lavenia C. Moore, in his 49th year.

Funeral services at his late residence, 237 Virginia avenue, Mt. Washington, this evening at 8 o'clock. Interment Wednesday morning at Independence, Washington county, Pa.

(Washington county papers please copy.)

NORRIS—On Monday, December 21, 1903, at her home, 1228 Palo Alto street, Allegheny, MISS R. LUELLA NORRIS.

Funeral services this evening at 8 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

STOFFEL—On Sunday, December 20, 1903, at 10:50 a. m., NORMAN W., only son of Albert C. and Florence Stofel (nee Fry), in his 6th year.

Funeral this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from parents' residence, Western University building, Perrysville avenue. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

(Philadelphia papers please copy.)

WAINWRIGHT—On Sunday, December 20, 1903, at 9 a. m., EDWAR Z. WAINWRIGHT, aged 44 years.

Funeral services at his residence, 5701 Ridge street, East End, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

WILSON—On Sabbath, December 20, 1903, at the residence of her son, Minor Wilson, Penn township, at 4:30 p. m., MRS. MARY WILSON, aged 85 years.

Dearest mother, thou hast left us,
And thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God that has bereft us,
He can all our sorrow heal.

Funeral services at Hebron church today at 2 p. m. Carriages will leave T. D. Turner's livery stable, Wilkinsburg, at 12:30 p. m.

WRIGHT—On Monday, December 21, 1903, at 7:8 a. m., PETER FORD, aged 4 y. m. d., ROBERT CRAYTON, infant sons of James H. and Mary Wright, aged 3 months and 8 days.

Funeral from parents' residence, No. 8 Portman avenue, on Wednesday, December 23, 1903, at 12:30 p. m. Interment at Mt. Nebo.

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FRUIT CAKE, 1, 2 and 5-lb. boxes.
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CANDIES, NUTS OF ALL KINDS.

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christmas

Importers' and Manufacturers' wholesale trade practically all done.

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Sold same way.

If you want medium or fine goods—useful or ornamental—come and investigate the greatest stock the store ever owned.

If you don't find the investigation pays don't buy.

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Sales away ahead this season.

The assortments and the prices tell why.

Price range on Fine Art pottery, $1.00 to $225.00.

Special table—and a large collection of Art Pottery reduced—50c to $15.00 pieces—now 25c to $10.00.

Some unusually choice examples in Royal Bonn and Vienna Pottery—$16.50 to $65.00 pieces, $13.50 to $45.00.

french flannels

Immediate sale at sacrifice price—50c all wool Printed French Flannels, 25c—polka dot and some fancies.

Choice assortments of late handsome designs in French Flannels—kimono and other styles, 65c—much underprice.

infants' toilet sets bought underprice

Imported from Germany—made of fine porcelain—Kate Greenaway decorations, now $2.50 and $3.00 a set—exactly half prices.

Each set includes basin, sponge bowl, soap dish and powder box.

Same with iron stands, $8.00 and $10.00.

2nd floor Infants' Department.

Store open every evening now.

Every department—65 of them—will show everybody who comes that we mean business.

Thousands can get out evenings better than day time—and all who come will get nice goods and find it pays.

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Fine White $5.00 Lawn Petticoats trimmed with four rows lace insertion, with deep edge of lace—dust ruffle lace trimmed—$3.00.

White Petticoats, 50c to $30.00.

Immense line of Silk Petticoats for holiday presents, $3.50 to $60.00.

Lot of slightly soiled Kid body, jointed and Dressed Dolls, reduced 1-2 and 1-3, 25c to $5.00.

Lot of children's Toy Canvas Suit Cases, 16 and 18 inch—reduced to $1.00.

Two sizes, three-horse Iron Patrol Wagons, sold regularly for 75c and $1.25, reduced to 59c and $1.00.

Twenty-five cent 4 piece setts Bamboo Doll House Furniture, two chairs, bed and table, now 2 setts.

Black Silk Chiffon Hats—six late shapes—ready to trim—two prices, $1.50 and $2.50.

Dressy Millinery for so small an outlay is quite unusual and will be appreciated.

Special low prices on all the medium and fine millinery.

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We never advertise with pictures of cheap jewelry. That is expensive and misleading. Our goods are made by manufacturers who pledge us their word and give bond to sell only to legitimate jewelers, not to "installment" or "pluck-me" stores. The latter are only heard of around Christmas time.

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Are the only lasting brilliants on earth. Mounted only in solid gold. Set in RINGS, PINS, STUDS, EAR-DROPS, BRACELETS, ETC. We do not allow any other jeweler in America to sell them. Before the public for 20 years.

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OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

(No. 145.)

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing and ordering the construction of a public sewer on River avenue, Fourth ward, from Sycamore street to connect with the Butchers run main sewer, and providing for assessment and collection of the cost and expense thereof.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the construction of a public sewer on River avenue, Fourth ward, from Sycamore street to connect with the Butchers run main sewer, and is hereby authorized and ordered, and the director of the department of public works is hereby directed to prepare specifications therefor, and the mayor and the said director are authorized to advertise for proposals for doing said work in accordance with such specifications, and to enter into contract therefor according to the provisions of the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided.

The cost and expense of said improvement to be assessed and collected in the manner provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relating thereto and regulating the same.

Sec. 2. That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed and enacted into a law in councils this 17th day of December, A. D. 1903.

JOHN C. OLIVER,
President Pro Tem. of Select Council.
Attest:
LAFAYETTE WILLS, City Clerk.
SAMUEL McELROY,
President of Common Council.
ROBERT DILWORTH, City Clerk.
Mayor's Office, City of Allegheny, Pa., December 18, A. D. 1903. The above ordinance examined and approved.
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Mayor.

(No. 146.)

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing the issue of twenty-one thousand dollars ($21,000.00) of loan certificates, Superior avenue bonds, to pay the cost of grading, paving and curbing of Superior avenue, from California avenue to Brighton street.

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Sec. 2. That the proportion of the cost of said grading, paving and curbing of Superior avenue, in the manner prescribed in the act of assembly aforesaid, the money so received by the city treasurer, shall be applied to the payment of the sinking fund for the payment of the interest and principal at maturity.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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ALVIN | TONIGHT AT 8:15. Popular 10c Matinee Wednesday. THE FOUR COHANS in "RUNNING FOR OFFICE." NEXT WEEK—Matinee Wed. New Comic Opera, Special Popular Price Matinee Wednesday. THE SILVER SLIPPER By the Author of FLORODORA. The Sensational Champagne Dance. Seats on sale Thursday Morning. Prices—Nights, $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE | EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING. THE NEW STOCK CO. THE XMAS PANTOMIME "BABES IN THE WOODS."

AVENUE FAMILY THEATER | ALL THIS WEEK | THOS. T. RYAN and MARY RICHFIELD. | 2420 ACTS | 1:00 to 10:30. Popular Prices.

BIJOU | THE FACTORY GIRL. Special Holiday Matinee Christmas. NEXT WEEK—Seats Will Be Sold for Xmas Matinee Only. Usual Prices.

EMPIRE | COLLINS AVE. | Branch car at all street car lines. THIS WEEK. THE PRINCESS CHIC

DUQUESNE | The Refined Family Theatre. Matinee Daily at 2:15. ALL STAR VAUDEVILLE. JOHNSTON & WILLIAMS, TUCKER and others. Prices 10, 20, 30, 50.

HARRY W. WILLIAMS' ACADEMY | Matinee To-Morrow & All This Week. HIGH ROLLERS

DUQUESNE GARDEN | SKATING—Every Afternoon and Evening. HOCKEY

GROUND TO DEATH IN AWFUL WRECK

Eight Killed and Thirty-Two Hurt in a Western Railroad Collision.

A BRAKEMAN IS TO BLAME

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21.—In a wreck today at Godfrey, Kas., of the "Meteor," a St. Louis and San Francisco fast train from the south, eight persons were killed and thirty-two were injured. Of the injured five probably will die, while fourteen were severely hurt.

The dead are James Kirkpatrick, George Hoyt, conductor; B. A. Dowees, engineer; Theodore Bishard, fireman; James H. Wyman, Asa Moreland, Lon Corbin and Joseph Corbin. Probably fatally injured: John Brubaker, news agent; Sheridan Ramable, E. B. Garroway, John Bell, messenger, and H. H. Darlington, mail clerk. All the dead lived in Kansas and Oklahoma and the injured are residents of the west.

J. A. Bartley, a freight brakeman, whose failure to flag the passenger train caused the wreck, has not been found.

The wrecked train is one of the finest and fastest in the service. It was made up of two baggage and one mail car, a smoker, two chair cars and a sleeper. When the train reached Godfrey it was running at full speed to make up time. The crew of a freight train that had preceded the Meteor left the switch open, and the passenger train jumped the track and rolled down a slight embankment.

TROOPS INVADE PANAMA'S SOIL

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powers to prevent war between that country and the United States. The first step in this direction has been taken by several foreign powers through their representatives here, who have informed Gen. Rafael Reyes of the futility of any attempt by Colombia to retake Panama, declaring that it will result only in precipitating the Bogota government into war with the United States and have said to him that the result of such a catastrophe Colombia herself must realize. If this is not sufficient the representatives of these countries at Bogota will be instructed to inform President Marroquin that Colombia can expect no sympathy from the European powers.

COLON, Dec. 21.—Thirty-five of the United States steamer Prairie's marines were landed today and took a train for Bas-Obispo station, near Empedor. They will occupy the canal company's house at Bas-Obispo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The torpedo boat destroyers Paul Jones and Preble are lying at the Mare Island navy yard coaled and ready for sea, awaiting the coming of officers from the east. The officers are on their way to the navy yard and it is expected that the warships will sail next Wednesday for Panama. A crew from the training ship Independence has been placed on the Paul Jones and the Preble also has a full complement. Both vessels, however, lack a number of officers.

DEMOCRATS INSTRUCTED TO VOTE FOR TREATY

BATON ROUGE, LA., Dec. 21.—Both houses of the Louisiana legislature today adopted a resolution requesting the United States senators from this state to vote in favor of the ratification of the treaty providing for the building of the Panama canal.

NINE PERSONS BURIED IN WRECKED BUILDING

Three Are Killed and Six Injured by Explosion in St. Louis.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Seven boilers in the power house of the St. Louis Transit Company exploded tonight, killing three employes, injuring six and wrecking the building. The explosion broke window panes several blocks away. The brick walls of the boiler house were thrown outward and the heavy truss roof after being thrown high in the air, dropped directly over the debris, imprisoning 20 employes. All the electric lights went out and darkness prevented prompt work in rescuing the injured, whose cries could be plainly heard. Fire broke out in one portion of the debris, but was extinguished before it gained much headway.

THE DEAD.
W. WILSON, steamfitter.
LOUIS BARBER.
FRANK STEELE.

THE INJURED.
WILLIAM GANTT, may die.
DENNIS O'LEARY.
PETER VALLEY.
SIMON MIXEN, may die.
CHARLES A. THOMPSON.
JOSEPH GROEMS.

All but Wilson were stokers and boiler cleaners. It is thought probable that the list of dead may be lengthened. The cause of the explosion is not known.

NINE MEN ARE MISSING AFTER A NEW YORK FIRE

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Mook threatened by the big factory blaze, the policemen had a task that taxed all their resources to prevent great loss of life among the tenement and lodging house dwellers. Many of the tenements are five stories high and some contain hundreds of men, women and children.

As on the winds of lightning the word flew through Mott, Spring, Elizabeth and Broome streets, and the panic was on. Seizing anything and everything, the frenzied tenements rushed into halls pell mell, pushing and crowding each other, all inspired with the one ambition of saving their belongings. At 161 Elizabeth street more than 500 persons were battling in an effort to put their property on the street. Some were throwing furniture and bedding, crockery or cooking utensils down into the area way, others were filling stairs and halls with wooden objects, when Policeman McDonough sprang into the fray. Drawing his club, McDonough knocked down a man and ordered everyone to stand where he was, and cleared the stairs, at the same time seeing that the women and children were taken out.

Policeman Gallagher had a similar experience at 116 Elizabeth street, where a score of women and children fell down a whole flight of stairs before the rush of excited men. One of the heroes of the fire was a boy not more than 10 years old, John Martin. He was passing down Elizabeth street when the alarm sounded and having found 155, a five-story structure, four floors of it occupied by Italian families in flames, he dashed up the stairs. He was gone but a few moments but he had climbed all the flights and came down carrying three children, the eldest of whom was five years old.

One Hero is a Boy.

A policeman tried to help at the sidewalk, but the boy shook him off and hurried across the street, where he put his young charges into the care of friends. Then rubbing his eyes to get the smoke out of them he rushed up the stairs and brought down two babies. Six times he rushed up, each time bringing out two or three.

Lieut. Henry Sickel, who was rescued from the falling walls, tells this story of the tragedy which cost the nine firemen their lives.

"The smoke was awful. It poured forth in such volumes that it was all we could do to hold our places, and it effectually concealed the danger that menaced the tottering ceiling that fell a few minutes later. The crash came without the slightest warning. There was a report, and then down came the great mass of brick and lumber. We turned to flee and the mighty rumush of air, with a mass of flames and smoke that accompanied it, seemed bound for a minute to take us all."

"My foot slipped in a crevice and the next instant I was hard fast. The mass settled on my legs and I was held as if in a vise. I would have perished there of suffocation had not my comrades come to my assistance."

The buildings totally destroyed are the factories of the Herman Lumber and Furniture Company and the Defflenger Carriage Company, a tenement house at 196 Mott street and two frame tenements in the rear of the carriage factory, at 184 Mott street. Besides the tenements burned, at least 20 others were so gutted by water as to be ruined.

Coleman was made a battalion chief last August. He won the Bennett medal for bravery eight years ago for rescuing two women from a boarding house fire in East Tenth street. Richard Joyce, a fireman who was appointed only 10 days ago, was among those reported missing after the fire was out. He was last seen in the building just before the walls fell.

FRANK A. PARKER.

CONFESSED TO ASSAULT OF SISTER AT WHEELING

WHEELING, W. VA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—"Jim" Lucas made a complete confession concerning the assaulting of Sister Alma of the St. Johns Home for Boys at Elm Grove, before Justice Fitzpatrick in the county jail in this city, this evening. In the confession he implicated "Flamm" Honaker and Thomas Easton. All three are colored. Lucas is held in default of $10,000 bond; Honaker for $50,000 and Easton for $50,000 to appear before the grand jury.

Big Starch Plant Burned.

KEOKUK, IA., Dec. 21.—The main buildings of Hubinger Bros' starch factory were destroyed by fire today. The plant was the largest independent starch factory in the country, and its opening last April was attended by President Roosevelt. One workman is believed to have perished in the flames. The financial loss is placed at $250,000, with $100,000 insurance.

Holiday Umbrellas
25% Off
Umbrella Shop,
434 Penn Ave.

KNOWS OF ONLY TWO IN THE PLOT

Detective McQuaide Feels Sure Arrested Croats Are Ferguson's Murderers.

CONFERENCE HELD ON CASE

"I don't know of any plot in which more persons were mixed up than the two we have in the jail at Washington, Pa.," said Acting Superintendent of Police Thomas McQuaide yesterday, in speaking of the Ferguson murder case after a conference in the public safety building yesterday, among those interested in the conviction of the accused. "I feel sure we have the right men who touched off the dynamite that killed Ferguson and stole the money," continued McQuaide, "and the talk of a plot in which a number of other men were implicated does not seem reasonable. There was only one man seen running from the place, and if there had been a plot with several in it, there would certainly have been more of them seen, as any suspicious actions by persons guilty of such a crime, could not help but be noted by those in the vicinity at the time, of whom there were a good many."

District Attorney Owen C. Underwood of Washington county called on McQuaide and the two had a long conference. Attorney J. F. Burke, who is one of the counsel for the defense, also was present during part of the conference. Detective Richard Kelly, who went with Detective McQuaide to England and brought back the two Croats suspected of the Washington county crime, also was there part of the time. At the conclusion of the talk Superintendent R. T. Norton and Auditor Richmond of the Ferguson Contracting Company, of which Ferguson, the murdered, was one of the defendants' counsel will be allowed in the jail at the time the attempted identification is going on. Attorney Burke objects to this, saying it would not be fair to his clients. He declares that if the bloody but secret pal of one of the suspects there would be a possibility of the hat being identified instead of the person. Under these circumstances it would be necessary to combat such identification of the detail.

Nothing will be done in the case until after the holidays, as the officers are too busy now, especially McQuaide, who, besides his regular work has to complete a lot of unfinished business, that accumulated during his absence in Europe. Attorney Underwood said the trial will be called probably the third week in February.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—John Billy of West Middletown claims to have seen Milovar Kovovic and a companion near the scene of the Ferguson murder on the morning the crime was committed, came to Washington today and with Sheriff C. E. Cook others arrested and identified the two Croatians charged with the crime. He immediately identified Kovovic as one of the men he saw, but was not sure about Pattrovic. He stated that the man with Kovovic had a beard and he could not be sure of Pattrovic's identity as the latter has been shaved since his arrival in this country.

Much importance is attached to Kelly's statements and he will be a star witness for the prosecution in the trial.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Croatians here are working to establish the innocence of the two prisoners in Washington county jail, and are trying to locate the murderer, who, according to their theory, was an American of intelligence. The Croatians here claim that the men arrested are too ignorant to have planned the crime.

Talk of American Catholic Federation.

ROME, Dec. 21.—The idea of a Catholic federation in the United States has again been ventilated, especially after the Most Rev. Sebastian Messmer was appointed archbishop of Milwaukee, when attempts were made to see how the movement would be received at the vatican and by the propaganda. Opinions here are divided. Supporters of the movement think they have Cardinal Martinelli, former papal delegate in the United States, on their side.

WOMAN LOST $70 WHILE TRYING ON NEW SHOES

Put Money in Wristbag, but Found it Missing in Smithfield Street Store.

A young couple whose names Capt. James McAvoy did not learn, lost $80 yesterday in a peculiar manner. The couple had saved up $80 for Christmas and the wife wept bitterly when she told of her loss.

The man and wife early last evening went into a shoe store in Smithfield street and the woman tried on a pair of shoes. While the salesman was tying them she took out the roll of bills, all in $10 denominations, and taking one bill she put the others loosely back into her wristbag. When the salesman gave her the change the woman went to put it into her wristbag and discovered the seven other $10 bills were gone.

There was commotion in the store in an instant. The floor was scrutinized, the young woman shook her skirts, but the roll of bills did not appear. The salesman had not seen it after the customer put it into her wristbag. The police were notified, but their search revealed nothing. It was Capt. McAvoy's opinion that in gathering up the boxes from the floor somebody might have inadvertently got the money in her or between some of the boxes. The proprietor promised to have a thorough search made. All the young woman had left from the $80 were the shoes and the change out of a $10 bill. She had intended to spend it today buying presents for her mother and other relatives.

FOUR BAD FALLS.

Aged Woman May Die—Other Victims Are Seriously Hurt.

Mrs. Catherine Lang of Coulters, mother of Detective James Neel of McKeesport, is seriously ill as the result of a fall on the ice, which fractured her leg. Mrs. Lang is more than 70 years old, and may not recover from her injuries.

Albert Fallett of 1436 Colwell street had his leg fractured by falling on the ice at Fifth avenue and Magee street yesterday afternoon.

John McMahon of McKees Rocks slipped and fell at Wood and Diamond streets last night and was rendered unconscious for a time.

Edward Willis of Renfrew street, a driver for A. J. Koenig & Co., contractors, was thrown from his wagon on Larimer avenue yesterday afternoon and had his right leg broken.

Reception to a Former Pastor.

One hundred members of the Avalon United Presbyterian church attended the reception tendered to their late pastor, the Rev. D. A. MacPhis, D. D., and family, on the eve of their departure for last night. The reception was held at the residence of Miss W. C. Smith on California avenue. Addresses were made by D. B. Reed, Miss Mary Baird and others. A purse of $168 in gold and a framed memorial were presented to Mr. MacPhis. The Rev. Mr. MacPhis and family will leave today for Boston, where they will make their home temporarily. They have no definite plans for the future.

Two McKeesport Ordinances Killed.

McKeesport select council last night practically consigned to the grave the $500,000 bond issue ordinance and the McKeesport & Clairton connecting railway ordinance. The bond issue ordinance was amended and a special election authorized for the second Tuesday in June, 1904, when the citizens will vote on the issue, which was increased to $625,000. In so doing by adding this amount to the bill with $40,000 the connecting railway company bill was declared dead.

WOULD DISFRANCHISE ALL MARYLAND NEGROES

Draft of Constitutional Amendment Said to Have Gorman's Indorsement.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—Attorney General Bryan, at a conference of the Democratic managers, including Senator Gorman, here Saturday or Monday, will submit the draft of the amended constitutional provision for the complete disfranchisement of the 90,000 negro voters in Maryland.

It provides that before any person shall be entitled to vote he shall be able to read and write on dictation any section of the constitution of Maryland, or of the United States, and have resided two years, state, county or city taxes, unless he was entitled to vote in one of the states of the United States on January 1, 1867, or at some time prior thereto, or unless he is a legitimate lineal descendant of some person who was entitled to vote in one of the states in 1867, or at some time prior thereto.

It is understood that Senator Gorman will indorse the attorney generals plan.

DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL.

Aged Woman in North Fayette Township Fell Down Stairs. Alcoholism Killed Negro.

Mrs. Johanna Joy, a widow, 72 years old, was found dead at the foot of the stairs at her home, near the Cliff-mines, in North Fayette coungship, early this morning. It is supposed she died from falling downstairs accidentally and fracturing her skull.

Melvin H. Jackson, a negro barber, was found dead in his house at Imperial yesterday, having experienced heart disease complicated by alcoholism.

Charles A. Baker, aged 56, of South Thirty-first and McClung streets, died yesterday at his home of injuries received two weeks ago by slipping on the ice.

At the inquest into the death of Louis Garroni the jury found that he died of a gunshot wound inflicted by Pavlo Draculitti in Blackstone, Armstrong county, and communicated with the murderer, who is apprehended. On December 4 Garroni attended a dance at Draculitti's house. The host fired four shots at Dominic Cognotti, but missed him, hitting Garroni instead.

Built Expensive Coke Ovens.

UNIONTOWN, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Harry Oldland has returned from Fernie, B. C., where he erected 250 coke ovens for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, of which President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern railroad is the principal stockholder. The brick for the ovens are shipped to British Columbia from Dunbar, and the freight on each car was $100.

FOOTWEAR
A COMFORT to the sole and a delight to the eye is our latest stock of New Year footwear. Shapely shoes, high in quality, right in price. Our Holiday Hosiery is not only a delight to see, but greater to wear.
W. B. LOVELESS CO.,
Sixth and Penn.
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SELECTED FOR CONGRESS IN PHILADELPHIA

George A. Castor Agreed Upon to Succeed the Late Henry Burke.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—George A. Castor, a well-known business man and Republican leader of the Thirty-fifth, was today agreed upon for the Republican nomination for congress in the Third district, to succeed the late Henry Burke.

While Mr. Castor is not a resident of the district, his nomination will be agreeable to all of the Republican ward leaders of the district. He has a large number of friends residing in the district, and his nomination will be generally acceptable.

There was no aggressive candidate for the nomination among the voters of the district. Several manufacturers and business men were proposed, but none of them has been identified with the Republican organization as Mr. Castor has for many years. Mr. Castor had been under consideration by the party leaders for some time for a number of years.

When David Martin and Charles A. Porter had control of the party machinery in this city Mr. Castor was pushed for the Republican nomination for congressman-at-large, but through a fight over the nomination for justice of the supreme court, with Judge Henderson of the city bench and Mr. Clarkson, the leading candidates, Mr. Castor lost the nomination. This was largely due to a deal by which some of the supporters voted for Judge Dean, which antagonized the followers of Henderson, and a result split the ticket. It was charged Mr. Castor and organized the county against him, and as the outcome, the late William Lilly of Carbon county received the nomination for congressman-at-large.

Mr. Castor is a man of great personality. He had been suggested for the nomination to succeed Congressman Morrison, and at one time it was thought that Morrell might have a hard fight to go back to congress, but Morrell retired in favor both of and Castor seaside. The nomination of Castor in the Third district will now leave a clear field for Morrell in the Fifth.

The Republican city committee will at its next meeting fix a date for a separate primary election, to be held in the Third district, to nominate a candidate for congress. The election of a congressman will take place at the regular election on February 15 next.

CHESTER D. POTTER.

WOMAN DIES AT 103; WORKED TO LAST DAY

DELAWARE, O., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Bridget Mahoney, the oldest woman in Delaware county, suddenly expired today, aged 103 years. She was a native of Ireland. Mrs. Mahoney was a woman of remarkable vitality. She had scarcely been sick a day in her life. She kept house for her son and did family washing up to yesterday.

MYSTERIOUS MAN IN ALLEGHENY LOCK-UP

Suspected of Being Burglar Who Tortured Henry Davidson at Brimstone Corners.

Considerable interest attaches to the mysterious and well-dressed young man in the Allegheny Central station, about whom the police of the North Side will say nothing. The name "John Doe" appears on the docket and no charge is entered against him.

It was learned that the prisoner is suspected of being one of the four men who attacked Henry Davidson, an aged farmer of Brimstone Corners, near Jamestown, on December 8 last, and tortured the old man because he would not divulge the place where he said he would be found kept a large supply of money.

Head of Provincial Nuns Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—The Rev. Mother St. Walburger, head of the Provincial Order of Nuns in the United States and head of the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus at Sharon Hill, died today after a long illness. Mother St. Walburger was born in England 83 years ago.

William H. Thomas Is Dead.

William H. Thomas, 61 years old, of No. 1001 Walnut street, McKeesport, died last night of pneumonia. He had been sick but a few days. Mr. Thomas was born in Wales, but had lived the greater part of his life in McKeesport, going to that city when young. He is survived by a widow and two children.

Heir to Mother's Fortune.

Harry Fawcett of McKeesport has fallen heir to a fortune of $12,000 through the death of his mother. Mrs. Ogle of Connellsville, Pa., and Fawcett was notified yesterday of his share in the estate.

Headache
Earache
Toothache
How many long, weary days and sleepless nights have been filled with agony because of one of the above mentioned complaints? It is altogether unnecessary that people should suffer from them.
Hamlins WIZARD OIL
will drive out the pain instantly. Why not keep it on hand for just such emergencies? There is nothing to equal it for speed and Hamlins Wizard Oil will not fail you.
Great Bend, Kas.
I have been subject to Sick Headache for over five years. I used one bottle of Hamlins Wizard Oil as directed and have not had a headache since.
Mrs. A. C. Bumgarner.
Sun Down, Tex.
I have suffered a great deal with Neuralgia and for the use of Hamlins Wizard Oil I have been entirely cured.
Graham Chambers.
Denison, Iowa.
Hamlins Wizard Oil is the best remedy for Sore Throat and Toothache I have ever used. I have never known it to fail.
F. H. Dubbs.
There is only one Wizard Oil—Hamlins name is blown in the bottle. Genuine Hamlin Prep. is on wrapper. Sold by druggists. 50c. and $1.00.
Hamlins Cough Balsam
Cures the Cold. Prevents Pneumonia. 25c. 50c.
Hamlins Blood & Liver Pills
Regulate the Liver. Cleanse the System. 25c.
FOR SALE AND RECOMMENDED BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT TILL 10 O'CLOCK.

GUSKY'S
EVERYTHING TO WEAR
300-400 MARKET ST

Readiness--The Watchword Here

With Christmas but three days away—with all the hurry, jostle and bustle usually incident at such times—the usefulness, conveniences and prompt service of this busy store become most import to every shopper. Uncertainty what to give resolves itself HERE into mere choice of styles—and prices—always par excellence.

Holiday Umbrellas

Largest, handsomest and best collection of Men's and Women's Umbrellas in these cities. Prices, too, that save you big money—Men's Umbrellas range from $1.50 to $17.50. Women's, from $1.50 to $16.00. "Specials" today—

Men's Umbrella Special at $1.50
Covered with Taffeta silk — mounted with plain or silver trimmed natural wood and horn handles—were $2.00— special for..... $1.50

Men's Umbrella Special at $3.00
Covered with plain or tape edge Taffeta silk and mounted with plain or heavy silver trimmed natural wood — also Congress handles—$3.50 and $4.00 values—special at..... $3.00

Men's Umbrella Special at $5
Covered with finest Taffeta or twilled Silk—mounted with ivory, sterling silver, Malacca tusk and fancy handles—regular $6.00 to $8.50 values— special at..... $5.00

Women's Umbrella Special at $1.50
Covered with Taffeta Silk—mounted with plain or silver trimmed natural wood, Dresden, horn or pearl handles—were $2.00—special for..... $1.50

Women's Umbrella Special at $2.50
Covered with Taffeta Silk—mounted with plain or silver trimmed natural wood—also ivory, pearl and fancy handles—$3.00 and $3.50 values—special for..... $2.50

Women's Umbrella Special at $4.00
Covered with finest Taffeta and Twill Silk—mounted with ivory, pearl, silver, natural wood and novelty handles—$5 and $6 values—special at..... $4.00

All Umbrellas Engraved Free.

Holiday Handkerchiefs

As well try to count the sands of the sea as to enumerate the almost infinite variety of handkerchiefs here—tens of thousands to select from, for men, women and children, at less than others' prices.

Men's Handkerchiefs
In silk, linen or linon—plain or fancy bordered—hemstitched — exceptional values at $1.50 and down to..... 10c

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs
Sligtly or in boxes—in silk, linen or lawn, at 50c, 25c and..... 13c

Special Offers in Boxed Handkerchiefs
Men's Handkerchiefs—put up ½ doz. in box—$1.50 value, for only..... 75c
Women's Handkerchiefs—put up ½ doz. in box—75c value, now for..... 48c
Women's Handkerchiefs—put up ½ doz. in box—50c value, now for..... 25c
Children's Handkerchiefs—put up 3 for box—25c value, per box, 15c and..... 10c

Thousands of Mufflers Here
In finest imported and domestic silks—marked at and down to special worth investigating:
$1.50 Silk Mufflers, now $1.00.
$2.00 and $2.50 Silk Mufflers, now $1.50.
$3.00 Silk Mufflers, now $2.00.
$4.00 and $4.50 Silk Mufflers, now $3.00.
$1.50 Long Boucl Mufflers, now 98c.

Cut Glass at Reduced Prices.

Choice from lot of Cut Glass—Nappies, and Olive Dishes—were $1.50, now..... 98c
Choice from lot of Cut Glass—Nappies, and Olive Dishes with handles, were $2.00, now..... $1.50
Choice from lot of Cut Glass—Nappies, Bowls, Celery and Olive Dishes and Vases—were $4 and $4.50, now..... $3.00
Choice from lot of Cut Glass—Bowls, Nappies, Water Bottles, etc.—were $5.00 and $6.00, now..... $4.00

Special Purchase of Toilet Articles.

Manufacturers' sample line of fine ebony, ebonoid and silver plated Brush and Comb sets, Military sets, etc., bought by us at way under price, and offered today at lowest prices ever quoted on dependable goods. All ebony and ebonoid goods mounted with sterling silver prices. Two hints from many:
$3 Sets, now $1.50
$5 Sets, now $2.50
To facilitate selection, goods are placed on separate table—come quick as lot is limited.

All Dolls Now Go at One-Fourth Off the Marked Prices

Nothing reserved—free choice of any and every Doll in our entire stock at this startling price reduction..... ¼ off

At regular prices our Dolls were cheapest in these cities—at ¼ off they are about ½ the price asked elsewhere:
25c Dolls, now..... 19c
50c Dolls, now..... 38c
$1.00 Dolls, now..... 75c
$1.50 Dolls, now..... $1.12
$2.00 Dolls, now..... $1.50
$2.50 Dolls, now..... $1.87
$3.00 Dolls, now..... $2.25
$4.00 Dolls, now..... $3.00

Fancy Toilet Sets: Buy Now

The remarkable price inducements offered on these always acceptable holiday gifts cannot be duplicated elsewhere. Put up in fancy cases — also Work Boxes, Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, etc. No one will ever think they cost so little.

Ebony and Ebonoid Toilet Articles—fine gathering—in Military Sets or Toilet Sets, as well as singly.

Sterling Silver Toilet Articles—here in big array—also silver plated—include Hat, Hair, Military Brushes, Combs, Mirrors, etc.

Satchels and Suit Cases
Always did carry the finest assortment—just now it's even better than usual. Rare opportunities for holiday shoppers in these useful gifts. All the most reliable kinds. Suit Cases $25 and down to $2.75. Satchels $25 and down to $1.00

Silver Tableware: Low Prices

There's a fitness and tone 'bout these elegant Silver Tableware pieces you'll not find elsewhere. Most reliable kinds — Tea Sets, Bread Trays, Butter and Baking Dishes, Crumb Sets, etc., marked at lowest prices.

Rogers' 1847 Tableware—great assortment of Knives, Forks, Spoons, etc., priced extremely moderate.

Carving Sets—the famous Meriden Cutlery Co.'s make—at $10 and down to..... $2

House Coats: Unusual Values
Buyers who want something dependable and at the same time new in style and low in price should purchase here. Offering money-saving opportunities—handsome, well made garments—in late effects—here $10 and down to..... $5

A PIANO
For Christmas--Buy It Now.
We have all the best makes of pianos.
Easy terms of payments.
Piano will be delivered at any time you direct.
A Pianola Is a Necessity.
A happy Christmas suggestion is a Pianola Piano Player.
A Pianola is needed wherever there is a piano.
Sold on easy terms—in fact, we sell any musical goods on easy payments.
Store Open Every Evening Till Christmas.
"Mellor" stands for Melody
Mellor's
C. C. Mellor Co. Ltd.
Everything Musical that is the Best
319-321 Fifth Ave. Pittsburgh
Sole depot for Steinway, Mason & Hamlin, Krakauer and Chauncey Pianos, the Pianola, the standard piano player, and Regina Music Boxes.

PURE CANDY
Get Pure Candy
CANDY FOR THE Holidays —AT— DIMLING'S
409-411 Market St.
PURE CANDIES cost but a few cents more than the imitation.
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HORNE-STEWART Co
DRY GOODS Tuesday 22 December 1903
Delivery system practically perfect and lots of you are helping others with bigger bundles by taking small ones with you. With everybody helping there is small danger of disappointment or delay.

Handkerchiefs
From Belfast the center of the world for handkerchiefs and from a maker who dont know cotton—every thread pure linen.

Mens Handkerchiefs
Mens Linen Handkerchiefs.....10 to 1.50
Initial.....25 to 50
White Silk.....25 to 1.75
Old-fashioned Bandanna.....75 to 1.25
Fancy Linen 25, 35, 50, 1.00 and 1.50

Gloves
Had it been printed less often we should be tempted to say "when in doubt give gloves"—easy to advertise ours with such makers behind them.
Trefousse
Perrin
Fisk, Clark & Flagg.
Fownes, Perrin, Fisk Clark and Flag gloves for men and our specials at 1.25, 1.50 and..... 2.00

Womens Handkerchiefs
Duchess Lace Handkerchiefs, 75 to 30.00
Real Val. Lace-Trimmed Handkerchiefs, 3.00 to 18.00
Beautiful Line of Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs.....25 to 2.00
Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, half dozen in a box.....75 to 6.00
Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, plain.....5 to 75
Embroidered.....12½ to 10.00

Childrens Handkerchiefs
Childrens Initial Handkerchiefs in boxes of one-fourth dozen and one-half..25 to 1.00

Today and Wednesday
Today and Wednesday a special sale of womens handkerchiefs of prime importance.
1,000 doz. Womens Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs ⅛ and ¼ and ½ inch hem out of our regular 15 cent stock on sale this morning at, each..... 10c

Shop by Mail 233-235 Fifth Avenue. Buy by Phone

RODGERS IS ASKED TO GIVE OPINION

Larkin in Doubt Whether to Pay $10,000 for the St. Louis Fair Exhibit.

IT IS SAID TO BE ILLEGAL

Strong doubt exists as to the legality of the ordinance passed by Pittsburgh councils appropriating $10,000 for an exhibit at the St. Louis exposition, and the matter has been submitted to Solicitor William B. Rodgers for an opinion. Controller John B. Larkin said yesterday that he would be guided by the solicitor's opinion. If the solicitor decides that it is unlawful for the city to appropriate money for the purpose the controller will not pay it and the finance committee of councils cannot include the amount in the regular appropriations for next year as it is authorized to do by councils.

Assistant Controller E. S. Morrow has advised his chief not to pay the money. The assistant controller believes that the appropriation is illegal because it is not for the governmental purposes of the city and asserts it is in violation of the state constitution. The assistant controller, however, stated the city solicitor might adopt the court decision in the Lake Erie canal case as a precedent and decide the controller may pay the money.

If in the opinion of the city controller that the appropriation is illegal notwithstanding the decision of Judge White in the Lake Erie canal case. In the canal case the same amount of money was involved, $10,000. Controller H. I. Gourley refused to pay the money, claiming the appropriation was illegal and the city solicitor, Clarence Burleigh sustained the action of the controller before the court, but the decision was adverse to the controller.

The present case is a parallel one. The councils authorized the appropriation of $10,000 at the request of the Pittsburgh chamber of commerce, which is preparing an exhibit at St. Louis in the form of a raised map of the city. Allegheny councils has also appropriated $5,000 for the purpose. It is estimated that the raised map will cost about $25,000, and the chamber of commerce proposes to raise the balance of the funds by private subscription.

PROBING DEEP INTO PUBLIC LAND FRAUDS

Entries Being Withheld from Final Action Pending an Investigation.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The interior department today received a dispatch from Inspector Greene at Portland, Ore., saying that Albert Harrington of Falls City, Ore., had been held under $1,000 bond for impersonating assistants to Special Agents Patterson and Hobbs, who have been investigating land frauds. The great bulk of the land frauds which have been brought to light are under what is known as the lieu land selection law. A large number of entries filed under that law are being withheld from final action and will, it is said, all be passed on. Horace A. Benson, the San Francisco man recently arrested here, was interested, have been suspended.

Secretary Hitchcock today sent for Assistant Attorney Pugh, who has been of the Pacific coast investigating the frauds, and conferred with him regarding the situation. Mr. Hitchcock said there has been no developements in the work. It was intimated at the interior department that no further arrests were expected until about the date of the hearing in the Benson case, which is scheduled for the 30th inst., unless something demanding immediate action should be revealed in the investigation of the land records now in progress in connection with the cases in the west.

The status of Woodford D. Harlan, a clerk in the land office, and until about a year ago chief of the special service division, in view of his alleged receipt of moneys Benson is accused of paying to influence action on pending matters, and in view of the fact that he is still on the rolls, has caused considerable speculation. Land officials refuse to say what information is expected to be obtained from Mr. Harlan.

LIGHT SENTENCES FOR THE KISHINEFF RIOTERS

Authors of Massacre Get Seven and Five Years Imprisonment. Damage Claims Dismissed.

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

KISHINEFF, BESSARABIA, Dec. 21.—Two Russians named Gnotschin and Marosjelk, who have been on trial charged with murder, as the authors of the massacre of Jews here last spring, were sentenced today to seven and five years penal servitude respectively.

Twenty-two other persons charged with being involved in the massacre were sentenced to periods ranging from one to two years each. One person was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and twelve were acquitted, while 48 civil actions brought against the accused were dismissed. The costs of the prosecutions must be paid by the convicted persons.

WANTS TO BE EXECUTED.

Remarkable Confession of a Murderer Now on Trial in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—When Frank Henry Barness, a ship's cook, was placed on trial in Brooklyn today for the murder of Capt. George B. Townsend, the skipper of the lumber schooner Charles Buckley, on November 10, the prisoner admitted his guilt.

A written confession was submitted in which he declared that he had shot the captain deliberately because the latter owed him money, and that he desired to facilitate the trial because he preferred to be executed rather than remain in in prison. The confession further stated he had previously killed three men. For shooting a man in Charlestown, Mass., he served three years and he served a term in Havana for killing a teamster, and that he had killed a man named Perry Hecker on which charge he was acquitted on a technicality. The trial was continued.

STEEL TRADE IMPROVED.

Reaffirming of Prices Will Cause the Placing of Large Orders.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—It is said that the action of the several steel pools last week in further reaffirming many signs of improvement in the steel trade. The reaffirming of prices has brought out many inquiries for both rails and bridge material. Several of the large railroads that have held back orders in the hope of securing lower prices will place large orders for steel before the first of the year.

There are said to be orders on hand to keep the mills busy until July. All of the leading manufacturers in the Birmingham district have decided to maintain present prices for the remainder of the year, but after January 1 no iron will be sold at less than $10 a ton.

Jealousy Caused Double Tragedy.

CENTERVILLE, IA., Dec. 21.—L. W. Horn, a farmer, residing near here, shot and fatally wounded his wife at church, and later fired a bullet through his own brain. Jealousy is the supposed cause. Horn fled south, pursued by a sheriff and bloodhounds. His body was found at Leon today, with a bullet hole through his head.

Chamberlain Commission's First Meeting

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The first meeting of Joseph Chamberlain's commission of tariff experts, which is to inquire into the condition of British trade and to report with the object of drawing up a tariff reform bill will be held January 15. Chamberlain has accepted the honorary presidency of the commission.

ENGINEERS SEE TURBINE TESTS

Large Party Makes Inspection of Powerful Westinghouse Machines.

HEAD OF COMPANY IN SHOPS

In the presence of about 50 representative engineers from Pittsburgh and elsewhere, exhaustive tests were made at the shops of the Westinghouse Machine Company at East Pittsburgh, yesterday, of one of the great steam turbines built for the Interborough Rapid Transit Company of New York.

The particular turbine tested is of 1,250 kilowatt capacity, or the equivalent of upward of 1,800-horse power. The big machine worked with entire satisfaction. The guests were escorted through the shops by the officials of the company and the design and manufacture of the Westinghouse steam turbine explained in detail. Luncheon was served in the company's dining rooms.

Toward the close of the inspection George Westinghouse himself went into the turbine department. The most minute attention is being given by the head of the large interests bearing his name, to the development of the steam turbine. On both of his recent visits here he has spent practically all of his time in the shops where the turbine is being made.

William Lomoff, manager of the Westinghouse Societe Anonyme of St. Petersburg, Russia, was in the party. Mr. Lomoff has just come from St. Louis, where he went as the representative of the Russian government to straighten out a tangle regarding that government's exhibit at the world's fair there next year. Its allotment of floor space had been forgotten. The Russian Westinghouse interests will be represented in the czar's exhibit.

Those present at the inspection were: Julian Kennedy, Pittsburgh; Cecil P. Poole, New York; G. W. Bell, Wyandotte, Mich.; Walter B. Stevenson, Pittsburgh; C. C. Chappelle, Chicago; F. W. Fauvre, Indianapolis; Henry H. Kerr, Chicago; J. E. Smith, Chicago; Paul H. Grimm, New York; W. L. Conwell, New York; H. C. Taylor, Brooklyn, N. Y.; D. S. Smith, New York; H. J. Raynor, Detroit, Mich.; J. R. Bibbins, Pittsburgh; David Young, Newark, N. J.; C. E. Warner, Pittsburgh; S. Tyming, G. B. West, L. L. Carson, E. H. Heinrichs, T. Bryan, T. J. Bray, Jr., Frank J. Ellis, George R. Wood, R. B. Kernohan, Charles Hazel, C. C. Stutz, Samuel Diescher, S. V. Huber, Pittsburgh; Otto Oesterlen, Krupps works, Germany; C. P. Turner, McKeesport; R. W. Stover, E. M. Campbell, Pittsburgh; George B. Caldwell, Yonkers, N. Y.; A. R. Raymer, Charles H. Cunningham, Thomas E. Doyle, Samuel B. Elly, Pittsburgh; L. L. Emerson, New York.

TO MAKE BETTERMENTS.

Westinghouse Machine Company's Shops Will Close for 10 Days to Facilitate Task.

The Westinghouse Machine Company posted the following notice at its East Pittsburgh works yesterday:

The company proposes between December 24 and January 4 to make needed changes in its office accommodations and in the re-arrangement of the shop equipment due to the recent removal of the foundries to Trafford City, and will at the same time make needed repairs and other improvements.

All departments will therefore be closed (excepting those given special notice), on December 24, at the usual hour, until the morning of January 4.

The next pay day will be advanced to Wednesday, December 24.

The company wishes all of its employes a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

THE WESTINGHOUSE MACHINE CO.,
W. A. BOLE, Manager of Works.

STATUE OF PIERPONT PLACED IN CAPITOL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A marble statue of the late "War Governor," Francis H. Pierpont of West Virginia, was placed in statuary hall at the Capitol today, under the invitation of congress to each of the states to place in the Capitol statues of two of their illustrious men. The statue completes West Virginia's quota, one of former Senator Kenna of that state having a place in the hall. The statue will be unveiled and dedicated as soon as congress fixes a date.

REDUCTION COMPANY WILL PASS DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Announcement was made to the preferred shareholders of the United States Reduction and Refining Company today that the dividend due next month would be passed. It was said that labor troubles in Colorado, which have extended over a year, necessitated such action. Dividends of 1½ per cent on the $3,945,800 preferred stock have been paid quarterly since April 1 last.

Girl's Assailant in Jail.

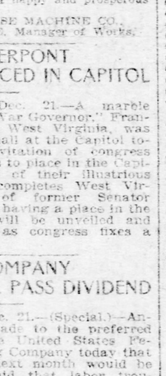
SCOTTDALE, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Charles Griffith, charged with attacking Miss Mary Nash Saturday night, was today positively identified by Miss Nash and safely landed in jail at Greensburg. Miss Nash's injuries are not considered serious. Griffith is a painter, and was a member of the army hospital corps in the Philippines.

New Castle Has Symphony Orchestra.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The New Castle Symphony Orchestra, has been formed by a large number of local musicians. William Parsons has been elected musical director and Edward Frampton Kurtz is concert master.

HOPELESS CASES.

When the doctor leaves and says the case is hopeless, what remains to be done? Nothing, if the doctor's word is final. Much, if you will listen to the statements of men and women who were once "hopeless cases" given up by doctors, and who were perfectly and permanently cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.



Nothing is more sure than that thousands of men and women with diseased lungs, obstinate coughs, hemorrhage, emaciation and night-sweats, have been restored to perfect health by the use of the "Discovery." Will it cure you?

It has cured in ninety-eight cases out of every hundred where it was given a fair and faithful trial. By that record you have only two chances in a hundred of failure and ninety-eight chances of being restored to perfect health. It is worth trying.

Abram Freer, Esq., of Rockbridge, Greene Co., Ill., writes: "My wife had a severe attack of pleurisy and lung trouble; the doctors gave her up to die. She commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and she began to improve from the first dose. By the time she had taken eight or ten bottles she was cured, and it was the cause of a large amount being sold here. I think the 'Golden Medical Discovery' is the best medicine in the world for lung trouble."

FREE. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser containing over a thousand large pages is sent *free* on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing *only*. Send 21 one-cent stamps for the book in paper covers, or 31 stamps for the cloth-bound volume. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

MANUFACTURERS WANT REDUCTION ACCEPTED

Amalgamated Association to Be Petitioned to Revise the Present Scale.

There is a move on foot among the manufacturers to petition the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers to reduce the present scale in all its branches. The various branches of the steel industries are governed by separate scales and most of them have a minimum. Nearly all the mills are operating on the minimum basis, and the manufacturers declare they cannot even pay the rock bottom price.

On account of the high wages stipulated the association has lost several mills recently. The firms were unable to pay the wages and broke the scale by enforcing a reduction. The association in every case fought against such action, but to no avail. The latest to break the agreement is the Pittsburgh Steel Hoop Company, with mills in Glassport. The two mills, one a 10-inch and the other an 8-inch, have been closed down for five weeks. The men were informed the mill would start yesterday, but before the men started they were all expected to sign a contract, which gives them less wages than that stipulated in the Amalgamated scale. The mill owners expected trouble and had a high board fence erected. Iron and coal police were stationed at the works, but there was no demonstration. Some of the old men returned, but others are sticking to the union.

President T. J. Shaffer returned from Indiana Harbor, Ind., yesterday and immediately sent out notices of a special meeting of the advisory board today. The Glassport trouble, together with the dispute with the Inland Steel Company, will be considered.

CAMPBELL'S. What Are the Uses of a Pedestal?

You can stand one in the window to hold a jardiniere, or in the hall to hold the card tray, or in the parlor to hold a statuette. So a pedestal has great gift possibilities. You will find them at "The People's Store" in golden oak, mahogany, and Rookwood. Among them is a special line of heavy turned columns, round tops and built-up bases. These are Worth $5, but they are cut to $2.48.

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING TILL CHRISTMAS.

A man does not know "all the comforts of home" unless he has a house coat or smoking jacket—

Perhaps he never will know unless you give him one—here's your opportunity. Christmas is here and our stock is reduced in price. A Jacket that cost $7.50 last week now goes for $5; a $10 Jacket for $7.50 and so on all along the line reductions everywhere.

JACKSONS

954 AND 956 LIBERTY ST.

It Pays to Buy at First Hands.

We Are the Acknowledged Headquarters

FOR DIAMONDS AND DIAMOND JEWELRY.

We are prepared for this Holiday trade with a vastly greater stock of Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Cut Glass and Sterling Silver than in any former year.

OPEN EVENINGS DURING DECEMBER.

Crisp New Bills ...and... New Gold Pieces

for holiday shoppers and Christmas remembrances, for the customers and friends of the

NORTH AMERICAN SAVINGS CO.,

Fourth Ave. and Market St.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

For one and all. Others may be more ornamental but none more appreciated. Call and see.

FURS:

Ladies' Handsome Sable and Isabella Fox Scarfs, with long tails and claws, at $6.50, $9.50, $12.50, $15 to $25

Siberian Squirrel Scarfs, extra fine qualities, at $6.50, $10.50 and $18

Genuine Mink Fur Scarfs at $10.50, $15 to $30

Electric Seal Scarfs.....$2.50

Children's Fur Sets in large variety, from.....$1 to $10

SILK AND SATINE PETTICOATS

Ladies' Mercerized Satine Petticoats, extra full and well made, at.....98c to $3

Ladies' Taffeta Silk Petticoats, made of guaranteed silk, at $3.75 and $5

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS:

Fine and dainty lot of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Handkerchiefs for Christmas presents—

Plain hemstitched, from 5c to 25c

Lace and embroidered...10c to 75c

Initial Handkerchiefs...12½c to 50c

Gentlemen's Handkerchiefs in plain, hemstitched, initial and silk, from.....10c to $1

Men's Gloria and Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, in natural sticks and fancy handles, from....$1.50 to $5

Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, in all grades, from.....$1.25 to $5

Ladies' Kid Gloves at.....$1

Men's Kid Gloves at.....$1

Ladies' Dressing Sacques, 50c to $1

Ladies' Wrappers.....$1 to $1.50

LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUITS, DRESS AND WALKING SKIRTS, JACKETS AND MILITARY COATS AT LOW PRICES.

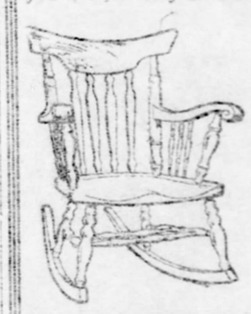
H. J. LYNCH, 438-440 MARKET ST.

W. H. KEECH CO.

Open Evenings Now Until Ten O'clock for the Convenience of Those Who Cannot Come During the Day.

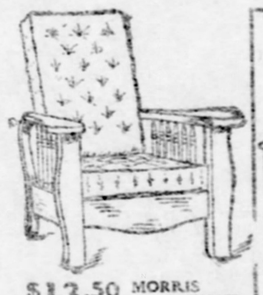
High Tide of Christmas Shopping

Last-minute shoppers will find the greatest variety of gifts of permanent value in this store. Furniture is appreciated by everyone. A set of nice Dishes, a Lamp, a Rug or Carpet, a Coal or Gas Range will be appreciated by mother or wife. The spirit of Christmas is to make others happy—the gift-things you'll find here will bring comfort and pleasure in use for years. Pay us cash if you wish, or only a small first payment and the balance after the New Year sets in.



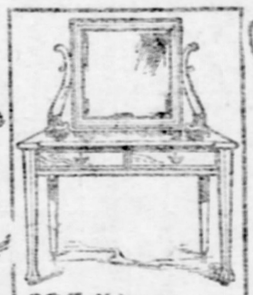
$4.00 Rocker Worth $6.25

Suitable for Parlor or Library. Wide seat. High arms. A beautiful design. Mahogany finish or golden oak.



$13.50 MORRIS CHAIR

Back adjusts to four positions; thick cushions, golden or Antwerp oak or mahogany finish. A regular $17 chair, made and finished right in every way.



$25 Mahogany Dressing Table

Artistic in design and made of finest mahogany. Claw feet. Square French bevel mirror. Mahogany Dresser to match, $47.50.

Leather Rockers & Chairs $14 to $45

Christmas presents of character and value—not necessarily high priced. It's remarkable how many of these we've sold this season. They are good values and the stock is still so varied that every taste can be suited.

Music Cabinets $7 to $25

Excellent gifts for young ladies. Useful as well as pretty. Mahogany, Golden Oak and Rookwood. Also several $30 to $35 Vernis-Martin (gold) cabinets that we can sell for $16.50 to $20.

$6.50 Lady's Desk.

Mahogany finish and polished. Large writing bed. Plenty of pigeon holes. Value $8.50.

$2.50 Parlor Stand

Choice of mahogany finish or quartered golden oak. French legs. Shaped shelf.

BOOKCASES

Library styles: one, two and three sections. $10 to $95

Combination styles — bookcase and desk combined. $15 to $65

$8.75 Lady's Desk

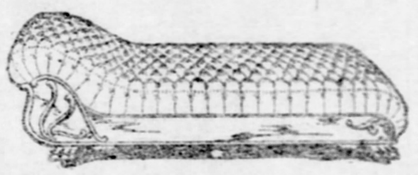
Polished mahogany finish. French legs. Lots of eighteen holes for stationery. Roomy drawers. A regular $11 desk.

$2.75 Pedestal

Mahogany finish or oak, 2 feet high, 12-inch top.

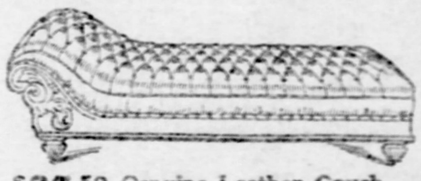
$12.50 Lady's Desk

A $16 Desk in quartered golden oak or mahogany. French legs. Highly polished.



$15 $22 Fabrikoid Couch

Carved golden oak frame. Fabrikoid covering—the best substitute for leather. Deep tufted top. Long steel springs. Newest construction.



$27.50 Genuine Leather Couch

The best low-priced Leather Couch we have ever shown. Deep tufted top. All tufts sewed to keep them in place. Long steel springs. Newest construction. Golden oak frame. Value $35.

75c Taboret

Round or square top. Golden oak.

W. H. KEECH CO. Keech's Furniture Makes Happy Homes. 923 to 931 Penn Ave.

NATATORIUM TURKISH BATHS.

Duquesne Way, Near Sixth St. Swimming and Tub Baths. Ladies' Day, Friday. From 7 A. M. to 7 P. M.

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

(147.)

AN ORDINANCE—Amending an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance relating to making openings in street pavements," approved March 20, 1893, and the amendments thereto, by including in the provisions thereof corporations supplying natural or artificial gas to the public.

"Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance relating to making openings in street pavements," approved March 20, 1893, and the amendments thereto, which read as follows:

"Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons (other than those acting by direct authority from some one of the departments of the city), or for any corporation, to open, dig or in any manner disturb any street, avenue, lane or alley, within this city, for any purpose, or open or dig any sidewalk of any paved highway of the city for the purpose of making connection at the curb line with a sewer constructed or with a service water pipe, without first making application to the superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers. On receipt of such application it shall be the duty of the superintendent to issue such permit, subject to the stipulations, conditions and restrictions hereinafter provided, and the time for which permit shall be granted shall not exceed ten (10) days.

"Sec. 2. When the pavement of a street, lane, avenue or alley paved with cobble stone, ligonier, belgian or asphaltum, block or fire brick is to be opened or dug up for the purpose of making connection with a sewer or to lay a pipe, the fee for a permit for each and every opening shall be three ($3.00) dollars, provided the opening does not exceed 20 feet in length; this fee shall be paid to the city treasurer after application has been approved by said superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers, by the person or persons (licensed plumbers) procuring the permit and if the opening is over 20 feet in length it shall be the duty of said person or persons to pay into the city treasury fifty (50) cents per square yard for each yard in excess of the 20 feet, and such person or persons, upon completion of the work, shall immediately fill up the trench or excavation to the satisfaction of the superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers, but the relaying or restoring of the pavement shall be done by the superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers at the expense of the city.

"Sec. 3. The amount to be paid for a permit for opening any unpaved street, avenue, lane or alley shall be one ($1.00) dollar.

"Sec. 4. Where openings are to be made in sheet asphaltum, rock asphaltum or cement pavements it shall be the duty of the superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers to issue a special permit granting the right to open said pavement, providing the person or persons making such opening agree and bind himself, herself, or themselves to restore said pavement at their own expense to the condition in which they found it, within fifteen (15) days from the time the opening is made, and such repairs are to be made to the satisfaction of the superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers.

"Sec. 5. Any person or persons violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon summary conviction before any police magistrate, forfeit and pay for each offence a sum not exceeding twenty-five ($25.00) dollars, for the use of the city, and it is hereby made a part of the duty of the superintendents of the bureau of highways and sewers to enforce the provisions of this ordinance and prosecute any persons violating the provisions thereof.

"Sec. 6. That the provisions of this ordinance are to take effect on the first day of April, 1893.

That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed; be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall be unlawful for any person (other than those acting by direct authority from some one of the departments of the city), or for any corporation, to open, dig or in any manner disturb any street, avenue, lane or alley within this city, for any purpose, or open or dig any sidewalk of any paved highway of the city for the purpose of making connection at the curb line with a sewer constructed or with a service water pipe or for the purpose of supplying natural or artificial gas to the abutting property, without first making application to the superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers. On receipt of such application it shall be the duty of such superintendent to issue such permit, subject to the stipulations, conditions and restrictions hereinafter provided, and the time for which permit shall be granted shall not exceed ten (10) days.

"Sec. 2. When the pavement of a street, lane or avenue or alley paved with cobble stone, ligonier, belgian or asphaltum, block or fire brick is to be opened or dug up for the purpose of making connection with a sewer or to lay or connect a service, water or gas pipe with a main, or make repairs to a sewer, water or gas pipe, the fee for a permit for each and every opening shall be three ($3.00) dollars, provided the opening does not exceed 20 feet in length; this fee shall be paid to the city treasurer after application has been approved by said superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers, by the person or persons (licensed plumbers) procuring the permit and if the opening is over 20 feet in length it shall be the duty of said person or persons to pay into the city treasury fifty (50) cents per square yard for each yard in excess of the 20 feet, and such person or persons, upon completion of the work, shall immediately fill up the trench or excavation to the satisfaction of the superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers, but the relaying or restoring of the pavement shall be done by the superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers at the expense of the city.

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That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law in councils this 11th day of December, A. D. 1893.

JOHN C. OLIVER,
President Pro Tem. of Select Council.

Attest:
LAFAYETTE WILLS, City Clerk.
SAMUEL MOELROY,
President of Common Council.
ROBERT DILWORTH, City Clerk.
Mayor's Office, City of Allegheny, Pa., December 15, A. D. 1893. The above ordinance examined and approved.
JAMES G. WYMAN,
Mayor.

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing and directing the mayor and the director of the department of public works to enter into a contract with J. A. Thompson & Company for the construction and erection of a pump station building in the Fifteenth ward, city of Allegheny, and at the same time authorizing the payment of the cost of the same, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof.

Whereas, It has been found that the estimate furnished to councils of the cost of the construction and erection of said building in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by and on file in the office of the director of the department of public works is too low, and that no bid for said work at the price fixed in said estimate can be obtained, and

Whereas, J. A. Thompson & Company have proposed to construct and erect said pump station building in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by and on file in the office of the director of the department of public works, at a total cost of twelve thousand one hundred seventy-seven ($12,177.00) dollars, which is found to be a fair, reasonable and market price for said work; therefore

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the mayor and the director of the department of public works be and they are hereby authorized and directed to award the contract for the construction and erection of said pump station building in the Fifteenth ward, city of Allegheny, to accordance with plans and specifications prepared by and on file in the office of the director of the department of public works, to J. A. Thompson & Company at the price of four of twelve thousand one hundred seventy-seven ($12,177.00) dollars.

That the proper officers of the city be and they are hereby authorized to pay the sum of twelve thousand one hundred seventy-seven ($12,177.00) dollars, to be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of water extension bonds authorized by councils at various times, and issued and sold under the provisions of the act of assembly.

That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law in councils this 12th day of December, A. D. 1903.

JOHN C. OLIVER,
President Pro Tem. of Select Council.

Attest:
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SAMUEL MOELROY,
President of Common Council.
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OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

(No. 145.)

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing the issue of "Temporary Loan Bonds" for the purpose of providing funds to meet the current expenses of items numbers 3 and 5, bureau of public lighting, department of public works, and items numbers 1 and 2, bureau of water, department of public works, and providing for the application of the proceeds and the payment of the interest thereof.

Whereas, The appropriations for items numbers 3 and 5, bureau of public lighting, department of public works, and items No. 1, bureau of water, department of public works, are insufficient to meet the current expenses of said items, and

Whereas, It is necessary to provide for the payment of the current expenses of said items No. 3, bureau of public lighting, $15,000.00 for the current expenses of item No. 5, bureau of public lighting, $15,000.00 for the current expenses of item No. 1, bureau of water, $10,000.00 for the current expenses of item No. 2, bureau of water, and the interest of the same; and

Whereas, The select and common councils of the city of Allegheny deem that an emergency now exists, wherein it is necessary and proper to provide for the payment of the said funds out of the proceeds of temporary loan bonds, to be issued for the purpose; therefore

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the mayor and the director of the department of public works be and they are hereby authorized and directed to award the contract for the construction and erection of said pump station building in the Fifteenth ward, city of Allegheny, to accordance with plans and specifications prepared by and on file in the office of the director of the department of public works, to J. A. Thompson & Company at the price of four of twelve thousand one hundred seventy-seven ($12,177.00) dollars.

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Whereas, It has been found that the estimate furnished to councils of the cost of the construction and erection of said building in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by and on file in the office of the director of the department of public works is too low, and that no bid for said work at the price fixed in said estimate can be obtained, and

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JAMES G. WYMAN,
Mayor.

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

(No. 148.)

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing the city comptroller to transfer the sum of one hundred fifty ($150.00) dollars, from item No. 2, appropriation No. 19, bureau of wharves and landings, to item No. 2, appropriation No. 1, bureau of engineering, department of public works.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the city comptroller be and is hereby authorized to transfer the sum of one hundred fifty ($150.00) dollars from item No. 2, appropriation No. 19, bureau of wharves and landings, to item No. 2, appropriation No. 1, bureau of engineering, department of public works.

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DREYFUS CASE TO BE REVISED

Commission Expected to Take Step Establishing His Complete Innocence.

DID NOT WRITE BORDEREAU

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

PARIS, Dec. 21.—It has been learned by the Associated Press that at a meeting of the Dreyfus commission next Wednesday M. Victor Mercier, reporter of the commission and one of the directors of the ministry of justice, will submit a report recommending revision of the case of Capt. Dreyfus.

It is not yet positively known whether M. Mercier's report will recommend revision by the court of cassation or the court martial, but there is every reason to believe that the court of cassation will now reconsider the case in the light of the facts gathered by M. Mercier, at the same time passing upon the other documents submitted.

While it is impossible to predict what view will be taken by the commission it is expected that it will adopt at least, by a majority, M. Mercier's recommendation.

If the revision of the case should be favorable to Capt. Dreyfus he will be restored to the army, no matter what protests may be made, but it is not expected that he will assume active service.

M. Mercier's report, it is believed, not only establishes that Dreyfus is innocent of writing the bordereau, but dwells with emphasis on the modification by M. Gribelin, keeper of the war office records, of his testimony before the council at Rennes. M. Gribelin then swore that Dreyfus was guilty, while the modification of his testimony now indicates that the alleged treason was committed by Col. Henry, who was at the time chief of the intelligence department of the ministry of war.

FIXED BROKEN NECK.

Part of Man's Back Bone Taken Out, Cleaned and Is Replace Again.

SIOUX CITY, IA., Dec. 21.—An operation having no parallel in the surgical world was performed at St. Joseph's hospital today by Dr. William Jepson. John Norstrom, fell from a load of hay, breaking his neck. He has been paralyzed for weeks and Dr. Jepson decided to operate.

Accordingly, a portion of the third cervical vertebrae was removed, the false growth of tissue cut away and the bone replaced. The patient is doing well, with every prospect of recovery. No other case is known in which the cervical vertebrae, situated near the seat of the vital bodily functions, has been successfully removed and replaced.

SPECIAL TRAIN OF TURKEYS SHIPPED TO NEW YORK

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Turkeys are not scarce in Missouri these days, according to A. E. Murray of the Polshe-Sinnator Company, his firm having found 32,000 of these to ship to New York in a single load. They was shipped on a separate train, which should have arrived there tonight. Mr. Murray says it is the first "turkey special" ever run out of St. Louis. The train consisted of 16 cars each carrying about 1,500 birds. The 32,000 turkeys weighed about 500,000 pounds.

RURAL DELIVERY PROMISED FOR COLUMBIANA COUNTY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Representative Kennedy of Youngstown, O., today called at the postoffice department for the purpose of making arrangements for free rural delivery in Columbiana county, out of East Liverpool. He was told that the service would be established probably early in the spring.

WHAT SANTA CLAUS OFFERS TO THEATER GOERS

THE PLAYS IN A NUTSHELL.

NIXON—Sparkling Comedy. Delightfully Acted.

GRAND—Beautiful Christmas Spectacle.

ALVIN—Musical Farce of Dashing Quality.

BIJOU—Hair-Raising Melodrama.

EMPIRE—Musical Comedy. Well Sung and Well Staged.

AVENUE—Fairly Good Vaudeville.

DUQUESNE—Some New Vaudeville, and Some That Isn't.

ACADEMY—Burlesque, Medium Only.

Nixon—Ethel Barrymore's "Cousin Kate."

If "charming" were not such a dreadfully overworked adjective it would fit admirably as a critique in a word for Hubert Henry Davies' little comedy that Miss Ethel Barrymore brought to the Nixon theater last evening. Production, cast, actress and story are all of a piece. As thus stated the order of importance has been inverted, but they all contribute so naturally and effectively to the picture as a whole that one is not under special obligation to praise the one at the expense of the other. First of all, Mr. Davies has conceived a quiet, dainty comedy that begins abruptly, without wordy preface, plunges at once to the heart of the story and closes when the tale is told. For this we thank him in this day when playwrights insist upon leaving nothing for the imagination of the audience, and inspiration writes only a two long acts of talky explanations, as though we were kindergarten children. But this is not the only evidence that Mr. Davies is a clever writer of comedy. His plot is knit together with a deft skill that leaves no exposed seams. There are three acts which succeed each other with so much naturalness in the transition that you feel as though you must have been living through the story without the curtain or the entre act music. And clever, too, it is such a pleasant story, idyllic perhaps, and idealized on the side of its human probability, but never running away from a certain touch of genuine human interest, and sometimes coaxing so close to the heart of things as to cause a little quiver around the tear ducts. Kate Curtis, 20 years old, a novelist who has written cynical novels about love, while traveling down to a rural village in England to attend the marriage of a young relative meets a young artist, a handsome Adonis Irishman, forgetting conventionality they exchange newspapers, then share their lunch and separate, each in love with the other. The young man is the intended bridegroom at the wedding Cousin Kate has come to attend, but the sly dog does not find out until after one of the daintiest and most thoroughly delightful love scenes the stage has known for a long time.

Of course the story is finished so as to preserve the two spirit of comedy. There is an officious young clergyman who in the end wins the girl to whom the hero of Cousin Kate's romance was engaged, and the curtain falls on a scene of mutual happiness. No mere review, however, will convey an idea of the delightful naturalness of the story as revealed by Miss Barrymore and her company. Not that it is a play of surprising dramatic or literary merit. The author has been quite hard pressed for incidents, the climax is rather dash and in excellent taste, if at times a little inconsistent in his Irish dialect. Mrs. Arnie Adams is competent, natural and thorough in her work. Grant Stewart, as the parson, is adequate though we thought him less in the atmosphere of the piece of any of the players. Beatrice Agnew lacks personality, but that may only seem so under the vivid contrast with Miss Barrymore, who is appealingly and richly endowed in this direction. Harold Grau, evidently a young English lad, fits into a boy's role admirably, as does also the youngest of the famous Rankin family, Doris, in the part of a maid. It is one of the smallest casts seen on our local stage, but there is lacking in quantity is made up in both quality and playing. In ensemble the comedy has a setting that suits its rural simplicity. Its scenes are like pictures from some artist's studio.

Grand—Christmas Pantomime.

Manager Harry Davis of the Grand opera house has scored the greatest triumph in his career in the building of spectacular productions. "The Babes in the Woods," the third of the series of pantomimes which has edified the patrons of the opera house during the holiday season, surpasses all preceding efforts in the lavish wealth of costumes and scenic effects and in the ensemble of female loveliness. A few extravaganzas seen in Pittsburgh will compare with "The Babes in the Woods." The estimate is made on the assumption that the new work will improve the work which has been laid out with such exacting care and the generous expenditure of money. It would be unfair to judge a production of one short week's preparation, inside those which are the result of months of critics' study and training. Manager Davis puts on his pantomimes with enterprise that is characteristic of the city which gives its praise to his efforts. The greeting accorded the "Babes in the Woods" performances yesterday are assuring that this form of holiday entertainment is fixed in Pittsburgh's theatrical calendar.

"Babes in the Woods" is a familiar fairy story and differs little from the conventional plot of all extravaganzas. The book was written by J. C. Huffman, stage manager of the Grand, and is produced under his personal direction. Mr. Huffman did not write his lines with any view of seeing his production go on the metropolitan stage. He had Fifth avenue, not Broadway, in mind when he introduced his comedy dialogue, leaving license with the old children's story of the poor unfortunate babes. He made Robin Hood the fiance of a member of the household of the cruel uncle of the "Babes." The two desperadoes sent are hired to kill the babes are a pair of the most grotesque villains imaginable. Then there are the good fairy and Old Mother Goose and a host of other fairyland folk who are mixed up in a strange relationship. The comedy lines are not forgotten, a Pittsburgh audience and no opportunity is lost to win a laugh at the expense of some local celebrity or the whims of Pittsburghers in general. Spice abounds, but in this respect the author of the lines has gone too far.

Notwithstanding the length of the performances and the great number of dances and musical selections, the piece drags but little, and its snap and vim distinguish "Babes in the Woods," as being a marked improvement on previous Duke pantomimes. The music was arranged by Oscar Radin, conductor of the Grand orchestra. To Mr. Radin fell a task no less laborious than that of Mr. Huffman and no less important to himself as well. He prepared the orchestration for an augmented orchestra of 25 pieces, besides training the chorus in the interpolated selections. Miss Rose Bush, the soprano, is a young woman of striking beauty and possesses a voice of bell-like quality, although of no great strength. Her singing of "My Evening Star" won yesterday's audiences, and through Miss Bush's demure stage presence, the song doubtless will be the musical hit of the production.

The male members of the stock company have but few songs and their rendering of the lines is indifferent. It matters little now if they forget their cues, but when the public opens they will be expected to speak their parts distinctly. Their work is so wholesome and so unlike the hot-house variety, that one is inclined to forgive the little defects that crop out here and there. Of course George Cohan, as the constructor of the comedy, is not entirely original but he is not stale and he is not boring.

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Alvin—The Four Cohans.

Credit must go to the Four Cohans for a novelty in the musical comedy field, in "Running For Office," which was seen at the Alvin last night with the Cohans in the center of the stage, a comedy, with a suggestion of Broadhurst, has been set to tuneful music. The "frivolity" as the announcement indicates the comedy, was evolved from a vaudeville sketch. George Cohan has written the book and the music. And he, with his "relative" and a fairly capable company, have modernity worked their way into the best houses where some less deserving musical comedies thrive. It is not to be judged from this that they are recruits in their new sphere, although they have offered something new. They have a bundle of humor that is so wholesome and so unlike the hot-house variety, that one is inclined to forgive the little defects that crop out here and there. Of course George Cohan, as the constructor of the comedy, is not entirely original but he is not stale and he is not boring.

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Empire—"The Princess Chic."

Full boxes and a crowded house testified to the popularity of the musical treat which Manager McCullough has provided for the patrons of the Empire Christmas week. "The Princess Chic" is new to Pittsburgh. Fascinating in its musical setting, beautiful in its scenic displays and full of delightful glimpses of court life of the fifteenth century, the light opera which Julian Edwardes made a musical success of two years standing, is destined to find in this city a more cordial welcome than when it was first seen here. Miss Marion Berg is "Maid Marion" in the cast. She has a number of good musical numbers, but a coon song in the first act lacks spirit, both in tone and step. Miss Ida Adair makes a winsome fairy queen and Miss Frances Cummings is a dashing Will Scarlet of Robin Hood's band. Charles Abbe never had a better part in low comedy than falls to his lot this year and on his shoulders falls much of the burden of the fun-making in the part of Dame Tabitha, an aged chum of Mother Goose, with a weakness for pantaloons. The other members of the stock company have comparatively small parts, but when recognized they invariably come in for a generous share of the applause.

Arnold Kiralfy has framed "The Babes in the Woods" with the most beautiful ballets, in color and costume and dazzling in appearance, he has planned evolutions that embody a poem of grace. Leading the corps de ballet, with its hundreds of young and beautiful dancers, are Mlle. Pastori, premiere danseuse, who is well-known here, with Miss Stella Kiralfy, who was also here last season, and Mlle. La Norma, and Mlle. Savva Sarvyza, who were enlisted from Parisian theaters. Mlle. La Norma is a striking figure and her whirlwind dance in the Indian ballet won unusual encores. The closing formation scene at the close of the second act, the "Hand of the mushroom and the stork"—forms a tableau of wonderful splendor. On account of the length of the performance the curtain at the Grand during the pantomime engagement will rise at 2 o'clock at matinees and at 8 o'clock in the evenings.

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Bijou—"The Factory Girl."

Excruciating is about the word for this melodrama. Charles E. Blaney is responsible for it, and it had its first Pittsburgh appearance at the Bijou yesterday, where immense audiences laughed, groaned, clapped and cheered by turns over the strong, strange story. The play has a good plot, and if handled by a capable company would be a good one. There is a bad one also and let in a superlative with a "sporty" farce-comedy name to rattle by charging her with the murder of her child. There is a typical stage-room court scene in which the real chief delivers himself and the curtain falls to quick music, while "Good Morning" Carrie faints in her lover's arms. The next act discloses the interior of the factory within immense proportions, and the use of a part of the machinery in view. There is a drunken engineer and the usual pleading little girl with some interpolated specialties by George E. Fisher. These lead on to the climax that sends the Bijou audience home in a happy frame of mind. In order to steal the will made in his good brother's favor the bad son and his spotty girl friend bribe the engineer, attempt to crack the safe and when detected by the good son throw him on the carrier of the big machine and start the drama. It looks like it is all up with the good boy, but Carrie to the rescue, and while the villain is shooting his father down stage and the sporty girl is trying to get away with the swag Carrie digs a hole in the machine and everybody gets time to breathe without gasping.

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Avenue—Vaudeville.

Why Ryan and Richfield are billed as the star attraction at the Avenue theater is hard to conjecture. Their sketch, "Mag Haggerty's Father," has been seen here before, and the best that can be said of both play and players is that they are not far below the usual in vaudeville sketches. Ethel Levy, however, is a pleasing comedienne, a good singer and a graceful dancer. Her singing of George M. Cohan's song, "If I Were Mr. Morgan," is the best feature on the bill. The great Alexius, a youthful bicyclist, performs the most daring feats on a wheel seen here this season, his most notable performance being the turning of a complete somersault on a wheel over a table. Wenona and Frank, the ride experts, were deservedly applauded for their remarkable marksmanship. Smith and Lewis are good lyric singers, and Hickey and Nelson have a moderately funny rough-and-tumble sketch which they call "Tainted and Tangled." Will West has a novel coster song specialty which might be greatly improved by a change in some of his selections. Other numbers on the program are Tallary's dogs, Musical Thiel, John D. Gilbert, monologue comedian; Miller and Kreskrag, the duo, and Lizzie Wilson, German comedienne.

Academy—"High Rollers."

The "High Rollers" extravaganza company includes a list of good vaudeville people and two burlesque members of average quality. The opening number is called "It's What's Right," but is not exactly in keeping with the closing number, in the heart of New York. The latter is apparently original in the minds of its authors, and the parts assigned to the chorus girls will doubtless give opportunity for a display of pretty costumes. Members of the company impersonate prominent New York characters, and are introduced and in turn respond, if solicited. The strong card of the olio is the trick cycle riding of the Armstrongs, one of the most versatile musical acts in that of the three Lafferties, who are an Eccentric Impersonation, Dancing and Singing Trio, assisted by some new jokes and a little Hebrew role walking. The Sisters Franklin receive their share of applause in their dancing act, and Manly and Rose closed the list with a funny travesty act.

Goodwin Coming.

For the New Year's week attraction at Harris Nixon theater its management offers Augustus Thomas' latest success, "Arizona," in a charming comedy, termed "My Wife's Husband." In which the "wild" player is said to have turned most successfully in Philadelphia during the last week. Thomas is said to be at his best in this thing. They seem to think that with this vehicle Mr. Goodwin again regains for us his old-time days of "The Nominee" and "The Gilded Fool."

The Silver Slipper.

The ah sheis in "the champagne scene" in "The Silver Slipper" were brought to this country by John Weber under contract with Henry Edwardes, of the London Gaiety theater. It has been the sensation wherever presented and will be seen for the first time here at the Alvin theater for six weeks, commencing Monday evening, November 28, with matinees on Wednesday, New Year's and Saturday.

POLICE FIND DIAMONDS.

Several Gems in Person of Suspected Pickpocket Arrested on Street Car.

Several valuable diamonds were found by the police on a suspected pickpocket arrested last night on a Butler street car, at Butler and Thirty-sixth streets. Capt. Peter Welsh was on the rear end of the car and saw the man fumbling the gentleman's coat. He arrested him and searched a diamond stud, diamond ring and a diamond in a horseshoe setting were found on him. The horseshoe was broken and appeared as if torn from a scarf pin. The prisoner gave his name as John Gilbert and refused to say anything.

When Sergeant M. A. Carroll was questioning the prisoner at the Forty-third street police station, the latter's failure to attempt to explain aroused the sergeant's suspicions. He opened the prisoner's mouth and found $5 15 concealed therein. The prisoner will be given a hearing today.

Careless Foreign Miner Again.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Dec. 2.—Eight men were burned by exploding gas today in No. 2 slope of the Nottingham colliery of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company. A fireboss's carelessness in carrying a naked lamp caused the accident.

FARMER AND WIDOW WED ON FIRST MEETING

CUMBERLAND, MD., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Luther Asby Dirting, aged 28, of Edenberg, Va., and Alice Curren of Great Bend, Kan., aged 28, met here today, procured a license and were united in wedlock by the Rev. W. W. Barnes, and left at once for the groom's home in Virginia, where he owns a fine farm.

Until they met here, this morning, it is understood they had never seen each other. The bride was a widow and came all the way from Kansas to meet Mr. Dirting.

WITNESSES TRY TO ESCAPE HEARING

Men Who Can Give Evidence in Shipyards Case Leave New York.

MORE NEW EVIDENCE TODAY

[The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau, Hotel Belding, Grand Street, NEW YORK, Dec. 21.]

Besides T. Shippen, the accountant whose testimony is desired by the court, Philander Knox investigators in what stated that several other men whose knowledge of the inner affairs of the Shipbuilding Company investigation is also wanted, and evidence of that character would be forthcoming, they are likely to return to this city for more testimony.

Nevertheless, the hearing will go on this morning when Alfred Rose, accountant, whom the investigators consider could add much to the testimony as to the state of that company, its earnings, betterments, etc. Just who will follow him the counsel in the case does not care to state, but John G. Young, who is expected to return to the city today, and, as he is under subpoena his presence is considered likely.

Mr. B. Alexander is the expert who stated repeatedly that Mr. Young did the preparation work in Paris before the arrival and Mr. Young's testimony awaited with interest. Mr. Charles Schwab may be called at any time and it is possible his examination may take place tomorrow.

If Charles Oates would return to town he would be subpoenaed at once to tell what he knows about the selling options, resumed work at his desk early this morning. He attended a meeting of the Rio Grande Western directors and received directors and officers of the Union Pacific throughout the day. Mr. Harriman is optimistic regarding business prospects. He believes there will be continued prosperity throughout the west.

FRANK A. PARKER.

OLD COUPLES FORTUNE.

Inherit Estate and Beautiful Ward from Relative Dead in French Military Prison.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Word has come to Mr. and Mrs. William Mason, a well-to-do couple of Grove-port.

Over $250,000 has been bequeathed to them by a relative who died recently in a military prison in France. Thirty years ago a gift to this aged couple to adopt the 10 year old niece of Mrs. Mason, also a gift to this aged couple to adopt the 10 year old niece of Mrs. Mason, also a beautiful young girl who is entrusted to them to rear as an adopted daughter. Behind these circumstances is a family history as full of deeds of sword and patriotism as those given by the imagination of Dumas. The family estate amounted to $500,000.

DOCTOR'S SEE MISTAKE AFTER CRAZED MAN'S SUICIDE

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 21.—Schoolmaster James Vivek, who a few days ago choked his wife to death, committed suicide in his cell at the county jail today, with a handkerchief tightly knotted about his throat. The man has been acting irrationally since his arrest, but the physicians reported that he was assuming a role. It is now believed that Vivek was fatigued, but that Vivek took the life of his wife and his own, after being driven crazy by the woman's alleged drinking spells.

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Women's kid gloves

WE'VE so regulated the arrival of our reserve supplies that stocks, even at this late hour, are just as complete as before the holiday trade set in.

Women's imported kid gloves—with 2 clasps, all colors and embroideries, all sizes, exceptional value for, pair, 69c

Our "Juliette," a splendid glove, made expressly to our order, of best selected skins, two or three clasp styles, Paris point back— 1.00

Our "Queen"—only a year old, but one of the most popular makes of all, made by one of the best makers in France, two clasp style, all colors—regular price $1.50, today. 1.25

Our "Norwood"—no sweller gloves made, glace or suede, two or three clasp styles, new holiday shades, every pair guaranteed— 1.50

"K" clasp mannish gloves, equal in every respect to the ordinary run of $1.50 gloves, our importing the skins and having them made in America saves you the difference in price—all sizes, 1.00

OPEN TILL 10 P.M. Until Christmas

To avoid the greatest crowds, shop in the early morning hours, or after supper—we're open till 10 p. m. till Christmas.

KAUFMANN'S

"THE BIG STORE"

To lighten the labors of our employes, we ask all who possibly can to take small parcels along.

Women's holiday neckwear

THE practical trend gift-buying has taken this Christmas has boomed neckwear sales, for in neckwear usefulness, beauty and attractiveness are judiciously blended.

Fancy stock collars—a magnificent assortment; dainty hand made stocks of taffeta studded with beads; chiffon and lace trimmed stocks, Persian embroidered stocks, beautiful lace stocks, nobby large bows of taffeta or peau de soie, some with Bulgarian top collar, others with the new ruching at top, endless variety—each put up in box ready for presentation—prices 48c, 98c, 1.25 and 1.48

Scrim tea collars—those dainty scrim tea collars, with the new cross stitch of Bulgarian embroidery, each 25c

Neck Ruffs—of liberty silk, in new cape effects, long stole fronts—special values today at 2.00 and 2.25

We've cut prices deeply on holiday merchandise

THREE more days remain in which to do your holiday shopping. And if you've waited until now, you've at least gained something by it (that is if you come to "The Big Store") for we've greatly reduced prices on holiday merchandise. The reductions will help to greater Christmas generosity. We are never too pre-occupied to tell about bargains. Read every item that follows—chances are you'll come across just the things you've on your Christmas list—and 'twill mean money in your purse. The items are short and decisive—and so varied, so universally interesting, as to appeal to every person, young or old, imbued with the Christmas buying spirit.

$5 umbrellas for 2.98

THIS is only one of the many equally great offers made possible by our underprice purchase of 1,500 silk umbrellas from the Follmer-Clogg Co.

These umbrellas at 2.98 include both men's and women's, with fine French silk covers, deep tape edges, very tight rolling, handsome pearl and ivory, gun metal, snake root, inlaid cape horn and fancy buck handles, all richly mounted in sterling silver.

Infants' wear

THREE of the five items that follow are very special. It don't take much to clothe baby nicely if you come to "The Big Store," where stocks are always large and varied and prices always at the lowest level.

Babies' cloaks—various pretty styles, long and short—reduced from $7.50, $8.50 and $10 to 5.00

Babies' fine nainsook dresses—long or short, beautifully trimmed—very special value at 1.00

Babies' shawls—newest silk—embroidered or hood styles, 1.00 to 5.00

Babies' caps—heavy hand crochet silk and wool, also silk embroidered—reduced to 50c

Babies' mittens—in silk, wool or all wool and silk, white and colors, 15c to 50c

All holiday furniture now selling at ⅓ off regular prices

THIS includes our entire stock of music cabinets, our entire stock of writing desks, our entire stock of gilt, mahogany and Vernis Martin cabinets, our entire stock of combination bookcases, in addition to hundreds of parlor rockers, reception and desk chairs, gilt and mahogany parlor and library tables, leather chairs and rockers, etc. From the cheapest to the finest all suffer a reduction of 33⅓%.

AS OUR PRICES ON FURNITURE ARE USUALLY 25% BELOW THOSE OF EXCLUSIVE FURNITURE DEALERS, THIS REDUCTION THEREFORE MEANS AN ACTUAL SAVING TO YOU OF MORE THAN 50%.

There is no let up to this great clothing sale

THE attendance seems to grow with the sale. Natural—for those that have shared—tell and show their friends: word-of-mouth advertising is far more effective than any other. As a snow ball grows with every revolution—so the sales in our clothing section increases daily.

We bought $125,000 worth of clothing for 78,000

from two of New York's most representative manufacturers, viz:

Fechheimer, Fishel & Co., 750 Broadway, N. Y. Hornthal, Benjamin & Reim, 26 E. Fourteenth St., N.Y.

The entire purchase is divided into three price divisions as follows:

6.00 for suits and overcoats worth up to $12

The suits include single and 3 button double breasted sack coats, in fancy mixtures, cassimeres, worsteds, black thibets and blue cheviots—all sizes of overcoats, in various cloths, in addition to oxford raincoats, the latter an exceptionally great bargain.

12.00 for suits and overcoats worth up to $20

The suits in this lot are hand-tailored, single and double breasted sacks in the season's choicest materials.

Overcoats come in all lengths, in all the popular materials. Special attention is directed to the new 52-in. fancy mixed belted backs.

18.00 for suits and overcoats worth up to $30

These are all fine custom-made garments, in addition to single and double breasted sacks, there are English walking coats and Prince Albert coats.

The overcoats embrace every modish and correct style, from the medium length to the extreme long 60-in. box style.

Men's all wool chinchilla reefers, 2.35

—a most exceptional offer, regular $3.50 and $4 values. Dark blue, with ulster or velvet collar, cassimere lining, all sizes, including extra stouts, up to 46 in., big men will heartily welcome this bargain. We bought 500 at a big price concession—hence instead of $3.50 and $4, we say 2.35.

Women's velvet suits greatly reduced

WE'VE materially lowered prices on our stock of velvet suits. They represent the finest line ever shown in this city and all are reduced from 33 to 60%. The skirts are fashioned in the very latest styles dress or walking length jackets in eton effect, three-quarter length and Louis XIV. style with cape, also plain effect, strapped with silk strappings. They come in brown, blue, black, green or purple, sizes from 32 to 42.

The $25 to $35 suits are now 16.50
The $40 to $50 suits are now 25.00
The $55 to $75 suits are now 37.50

Women's coats reduced

We've also greatly lowered prices on our stock of cloth and silk velour coats, all in the latest styles. Military effect, plain correct shape, Louis XIV. style, short 27 in. style or the 38 in., 42 and 45 in. style garments, every one strictly tailor made and new this season—

$10 and $12 jackets, now 5.00
$15 and $18 jackets, now 10.00
$21 to $30 jackets, now 18.00
$35 to $60 jackets, now 25.00

Flannel waists—all stylishly made, in red, navy, black, tan and green, trimmed with fancy buttons and stitching, 1.59

Waists of black nun's veiling, fancy yoke front, trimmed with taffeta straps and heavy silk lace medallions from yoke to bust, clusters of fine tucking forming full blouse; back, collar and cuffs trimmed with taffeta—regular price $6.98, special at 3.90

Silk waists—two beautiful styles, in peau de cygne and crepe de chine, one style has the circular yoke of fagoting front and back, entire body and sleeves of tucking, collar and cuffs of fagoting, the other is trimmed with fine Val. lace forming pointed yoke, soft collar and cuffs of lace—special at 5.00

Xmas candies in fancy boxes and baskets

CHRISTMAS without candy wouldn't be Christmas at all. It's our aim to provide the purest and most toothsome dainties at lowest prices.

Christmas chocolates and candies—largest variety, fresh assortment—ranging in price from 10c to 50c.

Gold and fancy boxes, filled with delicious creams—reduced from 50c to 25c.

Holly fancy fancy boxes, filled with delicious chocolates, special 10c, 25c, 50c.

Fancy gilt paper boxes, filled with delicious chocolates, 25c.

Hand-painted glass boxes, filled with delicious chocolates, 1.75.

Hand-painted satin covered boxes, filled with delicious chocolates, 2.75.

Hand-painted satin covered boxes, filled with delicious chocolates, 3.75.

Princess chocolates—5 tints 1.00.

Christmas slippers

REDUCED prices will add zest to today's selling. At the least calculation we expect to sell 2,000 pairs of slippers before the store closes (10 p. m.) today.

Men's hand-made slippers—in genuine alligator, imported French goat and vici kid, 19 styles, reduced from $2.50 to 1.75

Men's slippers—Romeo and opera styles, tan and black kid—reduced from $1.75 to 1.25

Women's fancy felt Romeo slippers—fur trimmed, all sizes—

Reduced from $2 to 1.50.

Reduced from $1.50 to 1.25.

Reduced from $1 to 75c.

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SHARKEY AND MUNROE TO BATTLE

FARRELL LOOKS FOR THE PENNANT

Owner of Highlanders Makes a Trade and Says He Will Have a Championship Team.

SENATORS WILL BE STRONG

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Things are humming in the baseball world now. Wires are being laid by all the managers looking to the acquisition of certain stars, and within the next 30 days there will be news of many important deals.

A forerunner of what is to come developed today with the return of Frank Farrell of the New York Americans from the American league meeting in Chicago. Mr. Farrell announced that negotiations were on to make the invaders as strong as the champion Bostons. Thornhill has already been exchanged for Tom Hughes, the Boston twirler. Unglaub has been obtained as a substitute infielder, and Mr. Farrell is angling for one of the best pitchers and catchers on the diamond. He expects to get them, too.

"Our meeting was most harmonious," Mr. Farrell said today, "and the business of the league was cleaned up quickly. All the clubs are in first-class condition financially. There seems to be an impression abroad that the league has eliminated the foul strike rule, but this is not altogether true. It is true, however, that the clubs were unanimously opposed to the rule, but the rules committee, of which I am a member, was not instructed as to how it should vote on the law at the meeting with the National league rules committee. In other words, the rule will stand as at the close of the season, the American league will stand by. Even should we decide to vote for a continuance of the measure, the entire matter is in the hands of the joint committee of the Columbia, Constitution and Reliance, who have spent millions of dollars in the defense of the cup, to legislate these boats out of future contests by agreeing to sail a race under the club's new rule. For this and other reasons it is doubtful if Sir Thomas' request would be granted.

"What about the situation in Washington?" "Everything is all right there," replied Mr. Farrell. "Next season the Senators will have millions behind them. W. F. Lambert, who has been working with Mr. Johnson in Washington, is a son-in-law of Senator Gorman, and the latter would be content to let his money be known notoriously in Washington but all over the country. The reason their names were not announced at the meeting was because there still is a minor detail to be settled. Mr. Johnson expects to go to Washington in about 30 days, and then everything will be arranged and the names of the new owners made public. I think Washington will have a strong team next season, and I look to see the club make the money."

"Will the American league schedule consist of 140 games?"

"That is hard to answer. We talked the matter over but came to no conclusion. Some of our clubs are opposed to increasing the playing dates, while others approve the idea. However, Sir John probably will have the 140 schedule, and the number of games he decides on will be satisfactory to all the clubs, whether 140 or 154."

"When are the offices of the American league to be removed to New York?"

"Directly after the first of the year, I think. Johnson realizes that he should be here, and has for a year, but he likes Chicago and has a hard time to make up his mind to leave that city."

ALTOONA WANTS PEARSON.

Carpenter Trying to Sign Risher's Star—Line Up of the Independents.

Altoona is making overtures to Alex. Pearson, the crack Homestead pitcher, for the coming season. Manager Carpenter offers this Rochester twirler good inducements, but it is not likely that Risher will allow him to escape him. Altoona had put Pearson on the reserve list when it was sent to W. C. Farnsworth at Harrisburg, an officer of the Independent association. Bill Coleman, Harvy Hollis and Elmer Davis, other local players, are claimed by Altoona, while Lebanon claims Harry Tate, who will be with Homestead nevertheless. The list of players claimed by the clubs follows:

Harrisburg—P. Agnew, J. Masterson, catchers; W. Hartley, Matthews, J. Barthold, pitchers; J. Deal, first; M. MacDonald, second; J. Cassidy, short; B. McCabe, third; Vinsen, Nellis, Farrell, outfielders; W. Lord, second.

Williamsport—Bressler, Lush, Yerkes, Beard, Jackson, Sweeney, Donovan, Linderman, Weigand, Sandberg, Shultz, Maitland, Clymer, J. P. Steffer, manager.

Wilmington A. A.—Barton, Faulkner, Everson, Brown, Myers, Ballentyne, Hummel, Broderick, Vought, Campbell, Hoffman, Aldinger, Nothlib, Maher, Alex. D. Stirlith, president; Jose M. Fryanger, manager.

Altoona—Goodhart, Dave Williams, Orron Williams, H. C. Hollis, Dan Miller, J. H. Doescher, Alex. Pearson, William Coleman, Pat Dowling, Frank Ward, James Doherty, George Hollis, John Hollis, Harry Davis, John Lang, James Cooper, Thomas Nolan, Jack Burke, C. P. Carpenter, manager.

Lebanon—Catchers, Arthur Miller, Harry Tate; infielders, J. McDonald, Bud Young, Rich Smith; outfielders, Mad Mitch, Bill Fiele, George Foulk, William Thomas; pitchers, Frank Mordecai, Harry Livingston, Charles Bleiger, W. S. Stocker, manager.

York—Frank Works, Joe Smith, Thomas Clop, Charles Hilbert, Grant, McGlynn, Thomas Logan, Harry Billet, William Clay, George W. Heckard, manager.

Company A Beaten by Victor.

The Victor basketball team defeated the Company A team, 7 to 3. Lineup:

Victors—7.		Company A.—3.
Shipidus	L. F.	Clark
Dreman	R. F.	Gibson
Michelli	C.	Wiens
Dawson	R. G.	Burke
Levin Frank	L. G.	King

Field goals—Butler, Shipidus 2, Scherr, Foulis—Davis, Butler. Timekeeper—Stevenson.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Will the manager of the Moravian quit up Grades of the Lafayettes, 151 North?

The Fayettes play the Crescents of Homestead this evening on the latter's floor.

The Allentown team go to Homestead this evening to play the third team of that place.

The Glenshaw Juniors defeated the Etna Juniors last night 17 to 5. The game was a fast one.

The Mayflowers will open their season Saturday night by playing the strong Duquesnes at the Duquesne's school.

The Ramblers would like to arrange games with all 14 or 15-year-old teams. Address A. G. Gliffin, Marshall and Mayfield avenues, Allegheny.

The C. A. C. players will have their hands full when the Williamstead team lines up against them in Carnegie library, Braddock, on Wednesday evening.

The Junior league game between the South sides and 2d. Oliver teams for Wednesday night has been called off. South Side will probably play tonight.

Pete Verner A. C. defeated Allegheny Juniors 15 to 12 in an exciting game at Verner hall last night. The feature of the game was the all-around playing of V. A. A.

The National five would like to hear from all teams in Western Pennsylvania for games after January 1. Address B. C. Laughlin, 422 F. & E. station, city.

The Beaver Juniors have organized with the following players: Joe Ladrig, E. Krouse, E. McCreery and D. Carver. They would like to arrange games away from home with 16-year-old teams. Write D. M. Carver, box 423, Beaver, Pa.

The Arlington team of the North Side has reorganized with the following players: Sutton, Cauley, McKee, Gillespie and Fairman. It desires to arrange games with all first-class 14 to 16-year-old teams in and around the city. Address W. F. Sutton, No. 1534 Garfield avenue, Allegheny.

The Allegheny Reserves basketball team will line up against the Foster A. C. on the Verner floor, corner of Madison street and Pennsylvania avenue. Owing to the Foster smoker, the game has been transferred to the Verner's floor. As the teams are evenly matched, a red-hot game is looked for.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS
Via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

Account Christmas and New Year holidays. Ticket agents of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will sell excursion tickets between all stations, Pittsburg and west, at greatly reduced fares. Tickets on sale December 24, 25 and 31 and January 1, good returning until January 4, inclusive.

LYCEUM IS SURPRISE TO MANCHESTER FIVE

Cathedral Boys Play Great Basketball and Win Close Game—17 to 15.

The Pittsburgh Lyceum five sprung something of a surprise on Manchester last night by defeating them 17 to 15.

The game was close throughout, and the closeness of the score kept the spectators at a fever heat throughout the entire contest. The game was characterized by fine playing on the part of the Lyceum boys, especially that of McInerney, who held Kosh to no score, besides shooting himself, which eventually won the game. The playing of Yeager was also noteworthy. Score:

Manchester—15.		Lyceum—17.
Kosh	Forward	McGovern
Seible	Forward	Yeager
Metzkez, Wallise	Center	O'Donnell
Graham	Guard	De Muth
Burry	Guard	McInerney

Field goals—Seible 3, Graham, Burry, O'Donnell 3, Yeager 2, McGovern, De Muth, McInerney. Foul goals—Graham 4, Yeager. Referee—Agnew. Timer—Gaughan. Scorer—Wilt.

SIR THOMAS' REQUEST.

Race Under New Rule Measurements Is Not Likely to Be Granted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—While on the face of things it might look as though Sir Thomas Lipton had made a very simple request in asking the New York Yacht club if it would accept a challenge under their new rule of measurement, and the club could hardly refuse to race under their own rules, the facts of the case do not bear out this contention.

In the first place, the New York Yacht club two years ago clearly defined its position in this matter when Sir Thomas Lipton asked what effect the new rule would have on his proposed challenge with Shamrock III., when he was informed that the new rule would not affect the cup challenger and defender in any way.

While under the mutual agreement clause the New York Yacht club might agree to race under their new rules, it is extremely doubtful if they will, as many members of the club think it would be unfair to the owners of the Columbia, Constitution and Reliance, who have spent millions of dollars in the defense of the cup, to legislate these boats out of future contests by agreeing to sail a race under the club's new rule. For this and other reasons it is doubtful if Sir Thomas' request would be granted.

Last Night's Bowling Scores.

	1st.	2d.	3d.
Shedaker.	Game.	Game.	Game.
Kienle	170	134	168
Stelnevar	154	198	158
Getzen	188	161	165
Kohler	110		117
W. Schiller		141	115
Totals	766	781	714
	1st	2d	3d
Dimmel.	Game.	Game.	Game.
Wolff	170	154	133
Jordan	138	186	155
E. Schnill	157	179	174
Kohler	154	163	173
O. Stelmider	120	130	155
Totals	759	782	744
	1st	2d	3d
Armsby Juniors.	Game.	Game.	Game.
Schuler	154	173	124
Rager	107	136	189
Gruber	117	87	148
Hebbditz	160	167	121
Shallenauer	144	165	119
Totals	782	732	713
	1st	2d	3d
All-Stars.	Game.	Game.	Game.
Knoll	111	112	141
Mahler	152	121	158
Klinger	139	131	148
J. Guger	140	156	133
Burger	160	197	167
Totals	702	717	701

Westinghouse Works—Section C.

Nugent		161	172
Barrett		171	198
Magee		42	79
Knoerr		152	177
Wolff		119	151
Totals		667	681

Section A—

McCann		108	137
Sheeks		125	146
Hanbron		169	179
Ganwolner		58	98
Hass		106	167
Totals		666	678

At East Pittsburgh—
Stewarts—

Genst	202	140	133
Garnett	137	120	103
Willis	145	177	116
Warner	186	183	200
Cochran	143	158	172
Totals	853	758	829

Brighton—

Votel	182	186	157
Cunningham	151	140	197
D. Lotz	220	199	199
Montgomery	151	156	148
Wilson	108	222	150
Totals	792	870	767

South Side Midgets Win.

The South Side Midgets beat the Howard A. C. last night on the latter's floor, 28 to 18.

S. S. Midgets—28.		Howard A. C.—18.
Liebau	R. F.	Bortord
Rossert	L. F.	Wrafton
Stantinger	C.	Burford
Murphy, Smith	R. G.	G. Selver
Alton	L. G.	Miller

Gardner and Grim Will Do Battle.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Gus Gardner, the clever Philadelphia lightweight and Joe Grim, the Italian human punching bag, of Philadelphia, have been matched to meet for ten rounds at catchweights before a club in Saginaw, Mich., on January 1, New Year's day.

EXCITED ITALIAN THREW TRUNK OUT OF WINDOW

Fire broke out in a tenement house in the rear of 1026 Fifth avenue about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The tenants are all Italians. The fire originated in a room in the second story from a defective flue. During the fire some one threw a trunk from an upper window and hit Antonio Silvesto on the head, stunning him, but inflicting no serious injury. A large crowd gathered and street cars were blocked. The blaze in the tenement house was soon extinguished, with small loss.

ALL-SCHOOL SEVEN CHOSEN FOR GAMES

Jay Hall, goal keeper, Shadyside academy.
Schenck, Pittsburgh High school, or Price, Shadyside, point.
McCutcheon, cover point, Shadyside.
Abl, forward and captain, Shadyside.
Williams, center, Shadyside.
Bryan, East Liberty academy, or Spuhler, High school, right wing.
Askin or Bunton, East Liberty, left wing.

INTERSCHOLASTIC TEAM CHOSEN FOR PRINCETON

Line Up Shows Four Shadyside Players, One More Than Originaly Intended.

The above is the selection made for the interscholastic hockey team that will play Princeton university next Monday night at Duquesne garden.

Shadyside has four men on the team, one more than was originally intended, but when it came to making the team it was seen that the line-up would be stronger with Hall at goal and McCutcheon at cover point, both of Shadyside. Hall is one of the oldest players in the league and has been for the past two years, while McCutcheon is the only city player from Hilding for the contest, and six-round exhibitions will not be considered.

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A compromise was finally effected, and it was agreed that the winner was to take the entire purse. Both parties seemed to be anxious to have the mill take place as soon as possible, and when asked when he wanted to have the fight come off Sharkey surprised those present by stating that two months' time would suit him.

VERY HARD WORK.

Young Corbett Says He Will Never Attempt to Reduce to Low Weight Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Champion Young Corbett today confided to a number of his friends who traveled out to his training quarters that if he succeeds in making the weight for his fight with Hanlon, 129 pounds, it would be the last fight for which he will ever again agree to make that low weight. Since the bout with McGovern, Corbett has grown at least 10 pounds heavier than the articles for his fight with Hanlon call for. Trainer Tuthill is discouraged with Corbett's inability to work his weight off more rapidly, and there is no doubt that the champion will lose a forfeit to Eddie Hanlon, although he promises that he will make the notch.

He still continues to take gymnasium exercise in a temperature like a sweating room in a Turkish bath, but even this method does not appear unless he takes remarkable care.

NEW PLAYERS SIGNED.

P. A. C. and Bankers Strengthen Their Teams for Tonight.

The P. A. C. and Banker hockey teams will come together for the second time this season tonight at Duquesne garden. The Bankers have signed a new man, Fred Lake, who up to the time he met with an injury to one of his eyes played for Keystone last winter. He has been playing this season with the Sco team of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. It is doubtful if he will get here in time to be in tonight's game.

P. A. C. will have two new faces in its lineup. Rayner, who retired last spring, and Syl Preston of Pittsburg's All-Star team. The game with Preston before going to Ithaca played cover point for Shadyside academy. He plays the same position for Cornell. The following will be the lineup:

P. A. C.		Bankers.
Ross	Goal	Graham
Hamilton	Point	Physister
Preston	Cover Point	Ross
Rathbun	Center	Roberts
Wilson	Rover	Campbell
McCarren	Left Wing	McLaughlin
Rayner	Right Wing	Young

Concordia to Have "Blow-Out."

The Concordia club of Allegheny will give a smoker Friday night at its clubhouse. An elaborate program is being arranged.

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Athletic goods of every kind—
Hunters' equipments complete—
Fishing Rods and Tackle
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And everything else that men of Athletic, sporting or mechanical tastes could desire.
Women will profit by coming here this week.
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LONG PRICED HORSES.

They Were Many Good Things at Ingleside.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Long-priced horses were to the fore at Ingleside today. Arthur Ray took the first race at odds of 15 to 1, Soufriere, a 12-to-1 choice, won the third race, and Harry Thatcher, played from 15 to 10 to 1, led the field in the last race. Some of the spectators objected when the judges placed Sifurian first in the fifth. Coronal came with a rush in the fifth, but finished second. Summaries:

First race, 1 mile, selling—Arthur Ray, 112, J. Daly, 15 to 1, won; I Do Go, 110, L. Jackson, 4 to 1, second; Illusion, 100, Hildebrand, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:43 2-5.

Second race, 6 furlongs, purse — Military Man, 105, Connell, 9 to 10, won; Darsin, 108, Burns, 6 to 5, second; Flea, 102, Hildebrand, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:16 4-5.

Third race, 5½ furlongs—Soufriere, 88, Anderson, 12 to 1, won; Lansdowne, 95, Ronch, 10 to 1, second; Allemaris, 102, Hildebrand, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:08½.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs, handicap—Kenilworth, 119, Burns, 4 to 5, won; Royal Rogue, 108, Wonderly, 3 to 1, second; Illius, 114, J. Martin, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:14⅘.

Fifth race, one mile and sixty, selling—Sifurian, 99, Foley, 5 to 2, won; Coronal, 100, Hildebrand, 6 to 5, second; Royalty, 99, Gilpliant, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:48.

Sixth race, 5 furlongs, handicap—Hary Thatcher, 112, Hauck, 10 to 1, won; Rey Dare, 112, Wonderly, 3 to 1, second; Bill Massie, 107, Hildebrand, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:03½.

EASY FOR MERCURY.

Highland A. C. Is Beaten at Hockey By a 4 to 0 Score.

The Mercury A. C. won from the Highland A. C. in a Bellefield Hockey League game last evening at Duquesne garden, 4 to 0. Harmont shot the only goal of the first half, but in the next period he shot another and Gamble and Smith followed with one each. The score:

Mercury 4		Highlands 0.
Muatin	Goal	Jacoba
Gatermaier	Point	Langdon
Dederer	Cover	Taylor
Smith, Watson	Forward	Wilson
Harmount	Center	Foster
M. A. Smith	L. Wing	Normenth
Gamble	R. Wing	Nowinckle

Goals—Harmount, 2; Gamble, Smith. Referee—G. Shamith.

TEBEAU AT WORK.

Is Trying to Straighten Out That Western Tangle.

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 21.—George Tebeau, owner of the Louisville American Association baseball club, spent today in conference with William A. Rourke, owner of the Omaha Western league team in negotiating for the transfer of the Omaha club to the American association.

Tebeau is on the way to Denver. He said that a number of important changes would be made at the Chicago meeting on December 28, and added that the American association would have a club in Kansas City next season.

WILL MEET LANGFORD.

Jack Blackburn to Face Gans' Conqueror.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Jack Blackburn, the Philadelphia colored lightweight who gave Joe Gans a stiff fight a few weeks ago in the Quaker City, has received several good offers to fight some of the cracks at the lightweight limit. He has accepted an offer to meet Sam Langford, the colored lightweight who won a decision over Gans in a 10-round bout in Boston December 21, and he will meet Charley Mutnall, in Lancaster, Pa., for 10 rounds on New Year's Eve.

SAILOR AND THE MINER MATCHED

Sharkey and Munroe to Do Battle and Winner Will Have Pleasure of Meeting Jeff.

SAN FRANCISCO IS BARRED

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Tom Sharkey and Miner Munroe have been matched for the privilege of fighting Champion Jeffries for the heavyweight championship. The match was clinched this afternoon, when forfeits were posted and articles of agreement were signed. The men have agreed to fight before the club offering the best inducements. San Francisco is the only city barred from bidding for the contest, and six-round exhibitions will not be considered.

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PIRATE PLAYERS ARE PREPARING FOR SEASON

Tommy Leach Is Taking a Much Needed Rest and Wagner Will Start in on Basketball.

Tommy Leach, the Pirates' clever third baseman, who is spending the winter season in Cleveland, has sent the officials of the Pittsburgh club a Christmas greeting in the shape of a letter, in which he states that he is in the best of health, and has made up his mind to spend the winter in peace and quiet which means that he has given up all notion of playing indoor baseball which has heretofore been his favorite pastime in the off season.

In doing this Tommy is following the advice handed him by President Dreyfuss at the close of the last playing season. Leach has for two years been a sufferer from a bad leg which was injured two season ago, and on which Somerset Reese of Youngstown spent a great deal of time with considerable success. Last season Leach's bad leg did not bother him until towards the close when it became so tired that it was with difficulty he went through the post season games with the Boston team. It is with the intention of resting up this leg so as to be in prime shape for the coming season that Tommy will refrain from indoor baseball this winter.

Hans Wagner was a caller at baseball headquarters yesterday. Hugh s read in the papers that President Harry Pulliam had left the city and he ventured forth. Hans does not want to smoothter the leader of the league and there is a reason therefore. Pulliam has started a baseball ball of fame in the headquarters in New York and as Wagner was the league's champion batter last season Harry wants his picture to keep that of Clarence Beaumont, catcher for the Boston Nationals, company and its about as hard to get him to face the camera as it would be for the liquor dealers' association to get a contribution from John Barleycorn. Hans has gone to work in preliminary training this week by indulging in basketball at which he is a star.

Deacon Phillippe was to have been the Carnegie Y. M. C. A. basketball team, but at the last moment the deacon backed out as he says he cannot get much practice for his arm by shooting the wild Sioux ball into a basket. Instead of being a player the deacon will pose as manager and do quite a bit of ticket taking tickets at which he claims to be an expert.

KENNEDY AND BOWSER.

They Are Booked to Meet on Thursday Night.

Eddie Kennedy and Mull Bowser will come together in a 10-round contest Thursday night. At least, this is the expectation from present conditions. The managers of both boxers met last night and, with the representative of a local athletic club, posted money to insure good faith.

The managers of the principals put up $100 each and the club representative put up $200 as a guarantee that the contest will occur. Local sporting men have been laying forward a money for these fighters for some time.

THE NEW ORLEANS RACES.

But Two Favorites Could Show Front, Though Well Backed Horses Won.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Futorian and The Rogue were the only winning favorites at New Orleans today, and The Rogue started the betting bonanza with Sullys. Most of the winners were well backed. Weather cleared. Track heavy and slow. Summaries:

First race, 6½ furlongs—Futorian, 109, Hickerson, 11 to 1, won; Harmonist, 109, Piggs, 9 to 2, second; Flavia Craft, 113, Ousley, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:25 2-5.

Second race, 1 mile—Capt. Arnold, 98, Phillips, 6 to 1, won; Prince Pepi, 107, Callahan, 11 to 5, second; Sullys, 95, McIntyre, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:41 3-5.

Third race, 7 furlongs—Inquisitive Girl, 95, Fisher, 3 to 1, won; Bronx, 107, H. McMichaels, 10 to 1, second; King Cricket, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:28½.

Fourth race, handicap, 1 mile and 20 yards—Exclamation, 94, Boobman, 3 to 1, won; Bondage, 106, McIntyre, 6 to 5, second; Meister, 90, Albert, 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:43 1-5.

Fifth race, selling, 7 furlongs—Annie Mac, 96, Whennemy, 8 to 1, won; Bad Enemy, 96, W. Fisher, 15 to 1, second; Tyrella, 99, Romanelli, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:28 2-5.

Sixth race, 1 mile and 70 yards—The Regent, 107, H. Pefflie, 2 to 1, won; Satire, 115, Callahan, 2 to 1, second; Major, 107, McIntyre, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:47.

WORLD'S BOWLING RECORD.

Erie Teams Figures Not Right and Claim May Not Be Allowed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Application has been made to the American bowling congress for recognition of the new world's team record for one game by the Blue Ribbons of the Central league of Erie, Pa., who last Wednesday night, shattered the previous mark of 1,152, held by the Empires of Chicago.

Secretary Ellis, of the congress, is in Chicago today, and the final count shows a discrepancy, the five individual totals showing 1,167, instead of 1,164 as was claimed by the Erie team. The Erie people have been notified of the error and asked for an explanation.

Neither Side Could Score.

The Lawrenceville and Pittsburgh hockey clubs met for the second time last evening at Duquesne garden and neither side could score, although each came very near doing so on other occasions. The star of the Pittsburgh team was Hitchin. Brothers and Ryan also played a strong game. Score:

Lawrenceville—4.		Pittsburgh—0.
M. O'Donnell	Goal	Engstrom
Thomas-Sherwin	Point	Brothers
Nick	Cover Point	Tuffy
Swarzberger	Forward	Hitchin
McKinnie	Center	Brothers
Ryan	Right Wing	Johns
T. O'Donnell	Left Wing	Hitchin

Referee—Lindell.

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ASKED TO RETURN TO OLD METHOD

President A. J. Logan Said Chamber of Commerce Business Is Retarded.

DRAVO FOR REORGANIZATION

Owing to the frequent absence of a sufficient number of members to make a quorum, an effort was made at the monthly meeting of the Pittsburgh chamber of commerce yesterday afternoon to have the chamber do away with the present plan of conducting business. The suggestion was made by President A. J. Logan, but it met with so much opposition that no action was taken in the matter.

At present the board of directors has to meet to take action on all measures. It was proposed to return to the methods formerly used by the chamber, when the business was handled entirely in the hands of the chamber and its standing committees. President Logan stated that owing to the absence of members, no meetings of the chamber have been held during November and December. Twenty is necessary to form a quorum and he advised that the number be reduced or the old methods returned to.

Capt. John F. Dravo, who has always been opposed to the methods now in use, said he is for a reorganization of the chamber. William M. Kennedy, James H. Willock and others spoke against any change.

A communication from the New York board of trade was read asking the local chamber to take action on the foreign insurance bill now before congress. The matter was referred to the committee on legislation.

The report of the local representative to the national congress of consular regulations was read and approved. The report stated that the convention opposed the appointment of persons as consuls in reward for political service, and indorsed bills prepared by the national committee on consular reorganization, which are now before congress. The bills provide for the examination, classification and promotion of persons aspiring to positions in the service.

Resolutions to be presented by the chamber to the national board of trade in favor of the construction work now going on on the Ohio river and urging that it be pushed to completion as soon as possible so that navigation would be open from the headwaters to Cairo, were approved. Resolutions were also adopted urging the government to construct levees for the protection of the Mississippi valley from floods; that a more thorough business educational equipment be furnished and the attention of colleges and universities called to the necessity of a higher commercial course than at present provided, and that a reciprocity treaty with as liberal provisions as is consistent with the commercial interests of the United States be negotiated with Canada.

John S. Scully presented a resolution requesting local members of congress to take such action as will accelerate the work of completing the topographical and geological map of Pennsylvania, now held up because of a lack of funds. The resolution was adopted, as was also another thanking Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker, Senator Joseph R. Foraker, Assistant Postmaster General W. S. Shallenberger and Judge Joseph Buffington for their presence and addresses at the association banquet on November 24.

The following were elected members of the chamber: Herbert A. Taggard, general agent Pennsylvania railroad company; John S. Scully, Dr. George W. Allyn, Louis Schulenberg, Capt. Warren Bisey, Frechold Real Estate Company, McElroy & Boyle, brokers.

Liquor License Transfers.

A number of liquor licenses was transferred yesterday. Those in Pittsburgh were: G. F. Schlatter, W. H. Tesker and A. L. Brabin to F. W. Tesker and A. L. Brabin, the present owners of Newell's hotel; Timothy O'Connor to John Ford, Eighteenth ward; George Koegler to J. C. Hessler, Third ward; W. J. Dewson to Frank C. Gaul, Thirty-first ward; Patrick McNulty to John Nau and Jeremiah Walsh, First ward; Charles A. Stadis to John W. Newman, Nineteenth ward; Henry Gies to Bessie Odell, Eighteenth ward.

In Allegheny the transfers were: A. Langhir to J. R. Sykes, Third ward; W. J. McCafferty to A. J. Thornton, Fourth ward, Sophia M. Schlatter to William McLeckie, Fourth ward; Edward Radenbach to Grace S. Radenbach, second ward; John Allliffe, change of location from No. 21 to 23 McClure avenue.

The transfers outside of the city limits were: Paul Shalewski and Frank Noroski to Frank Noroski, Homestead; J. C. Coulter to G. F. Graff, McKeesport; John Swanson to J. C. Waghe, Braddock; O. H. Bean to C. Kavanaugh; William Meyer to J. C. Russell, Baldwin township; G. J. Hartz to B. M. Andre, Indiana township; J. C. Skinner to Joseph Geier, Duquesne; J. H. Theilsmeyer to Conrad Schuler, Schuler township; Rudolph Reanis to F. A. Taylor, Whitaker; D. J. Corcoran to Annie E. Corcoran, West Homestead.

ALL ENDED WELL.

Second Lieutenant for Battery B is Chosen With Touching Climax.

"Shake!" You have my support in all things." This is what W. H. Kearfott said to Dr. C. C. Williams, who defeated him for the position of second lieutenant of Battery B last evening. He stepped out of the file and walked to the newly-elected officer immediately after Williams was sworn in. Five elections had been held and the contest was spirited. As Kearfott did this there was a round of cheers. The defeated candidate made a speech also, and thanked his comrades for the support they gave him and concluded by leading in three cheers for Williams. A private then led three cheers for Kearfott.

On the seventh ballot last night, Williams had 55 votes and Kearfott 11. This year's majority. Had there not been an election last night the governor would have made the appointment. The cause of the contention was due to the fact that some objected because Williams joined the corporation but a few months ago. He served with the battery as hospital steward during the Spanish-American war. He is well known and resides at 21 Washington avenue. He will receive his commission in a few days. Captain W. Hines put a motion to make the election unanimous, but there were three dissenting votes.

A communication was later read from the Sons of the American Revolution, asking the battery to cooperate in a movement for protection of the American flag from desecration. The Sons of the Revolution and representatives of all local patriotic organizations will meet in the old city hall on the evening of January 6 to take action on the matter.

REUNION OF A FAMILY.

Mother Had Not Seen Her Sons, Who Live in McKeesport, for 21 Years.

Mrs. Pearl Reiter arrived in McKeesport yesterday from Europe, to visit her sons, Henry and B. J. Reiter. Mrs. Reiter is 60 years old, and had not seen her sons for 21 years.

There is to be a family reunion at the Reiter residence next Sunday, when other sons and daughters are expected to be present from New York and Chicago. At the same time the wedding of Miss Helen Klein and H. H. Fergus, relatives, will take place.

MANY POINTS

Covered by Pennsylvania Lines Holiday Excursion Tickets.

This year's arrangement providing for the sale of excursion tickets via Pennsylvania lines will permit cheap trips to many points in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Tickets may be obtained at reduced fares December 24, 25, and 31, 1903, and January 1, 1904, to Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Louisville, Cincinnati, Columbus and to intermediate cities and towns.

Pennsylvania Railroad Announces That Excursion Tickets Will Be Sold Between Pittsburgh and Brownsville Road Intermediate Points on Monongahela Division on Account of Christmas Holidays.

On December 24th, 25th and 31st, and January 1st, round trip tickets will be sold at greatly reduced rates (minimum rate 25 cents) from all points on the Monongahela division. Tickets good to return until January 4th.

EMPLOYES AND GLASS COMPANY

Four Superior Court Opinions in Local Liquor License Cases.

CONFESSION MADE IN WILL

Employes of the Palmer Window Glass Company of Shingle House, Pa., filed 15 affidavits in the suit of the company against John Phillips, Jr., Emmet Connors, William P. Gamble and the Window Glass Workers' Association of America, in which they allege they were present at a meeting of the defendants, who attempted to get them to quit work on the representation that it was a part of a plan to force the company into a selling agency or pool, and had nothing whatever to do with a wage scale. The employes said they were later told by the manager of the Smithport glass factory to leave the works, as he had been officially notified that all employes of the Palmer company were non-union men and he could not allow them about his works.

In the superior court opinion in the case of Morris Forse & Co. the question involved was the action of the lower court in allowing the certificate to be amended. The certificate originally had among its 12 signers five firms or corporations or firms. This the lower court allowed to be amended, the five persons who had signed for corporations signing as individuals. The superior court decides that this was not within the power of the lower court and reversed it.

In the case of Patrick J. Walsh, where the question of naturalization is raised, the lower court is also reversed. The petition shows that Walsh was born in Ireland in 1864, but is vague as to naturalization. The superior court says this obscurity was raised by Walsh, and thus cleared the jurisdiction of the lower court was doubtful.

An Admission of Carelessness.

In the case of Charles Cramer the lower court is sustained. The petition for license was refused because the place was insufficiently described. The request for permission to amend was an admission of carelessness, and the granting of it by the court was not a matter of right, but of grace.

The case of W. W. Walker also turned on the matter of description of the location. The lower court was sustained on the ground that the petition was not so manifestly misleading as to confuse the court below.

Ignatz Stromp, late of No. 178 Manton alley, Sandusky street, left $1,400 in cash on deposit. He left an estate of $2,800 which goes to his wife as long as she remains his widow. He then provides that she is to pay a note held by his brother, Anton, and adds that at his wife's death the remainder of the property shall be divided among four children, whom he declares are his. He provides also that Teresa Stiglmeyer, whom he calls an "only serving girl, the mother of the four children," shall have a home with his wife as long as she lives.

The will of the late H. J. Bailey of the Bailey-Farrell Company, was probated. No value for the estate is given, but it is quite large. The real estate alone is valuable, including property in Beechview avenue, Second avenue, Grant street, Old avenue, Cliff street, Bedford avenue, Aiken avenue, Noble street and Clasborn street. The entire estate is left to his widow for her life, with power to sell and invest at pleasure, but if she remarries this power is to cease instantly, and the estate is to be divided in accordance with the intestate laws of the state.

Leaves a Legal Estate.

The will of J. Ledlie Gloninger was probated. His estate is valued at $52,000, the real estate representing $50,000. He leaves to his wife $5,000 to be paid at once, all the household goods and her interest under the intestate laws. The rest of the estate is placed in trust for his children until they are 21 years old. J. Frank Gloninger, Frank Walsh and A. V. D. Watterson are the trustees.

Judge Robert S. Frazer refused to take off a nonsuit in the case of V. Wyse Thalman against the 1st Avalon tax district school board. Eighteenth ward, an action seeking to recover 5 per cent of the cost of construction of a school building which cost $150,000. Thalman claimed to be specially assessed.

On February 10, 1890, five members of the board met to elect an architect, and three votes were cast on several of the ballots for Edward Stotz. The president ruled that four were necessary to elect, and no appeal was taken from his ruling. The following day the secretary notified Thalman that the members voting for Stotz believed his election had been made. The board subsequently elected W. J. L. Peoples as architect. The court says the members are not supposed to act individually, and that the notice of the secretary was without weight.

HELD FOR MURDERS.

Grand Jury Finds True Bills Against Three Foreigners. Other Returns Made.

Among the true bills returned by the grand jury yesterday were three, charging murder. The bills were all against foreigners.

Dominick Vercelli was held for the death of his wife, Bruninglida Vercelli, who was shot to death at her home in Patton township on August 24. She was 22 years old. The prosecutor is Louis C. Huebel, chief deputy coroner. He is also the prosecutor in the case of Eugenio Secelo, charged with the murder of John Hager, a coal miner of Wehrum. Mr. Hager was shot at Howley's Camp, Greensburg Pike, Penn township, early on the morning of November 12, a shotgun blank used, inflicting injuries that caused his death the same day. Hager was 24 years old and single. The other case was that of Biacamo Carmine, who is held for the death of Nicola Gesc, who was shot dead on Friday, October 30. The shooting occurred at Second street and Blackberry alley, McKeesport, and a shotgun was used. The prosecutor is Coroner Jesse M. Negley.

The other true bills were entering a building with intent to commit a felony, Joseph J. Salnois et al (2); Arthur Asbury, Joseph Hoffman, misdemeanor, Percy Anderson, Michael Dubel, John Wilson, Christ Fullbski, Richard Flickinger, Bertha Prisby; felonious assault and battery, Frank Nolak, John Flannigan; assault and battery, William Lindsay, Charles H. Allen, H. C. Robinson, et al, Joseph Donato, John Welak; larceny, Martin McGrank, Jr., Mason, W. M. Adlington, John Allison, et al, William McIntire, Andy Kuski, burglary Charles Miller, Charles Mills; larceny by bailee, Andrew Tierney, Jr., William Kinkle; aggravated assault and battery, John A. Brower, et al; illegal liquor selling, Hattie Lenney (2); receiving stolen goods, John Patterson, et al.

LEGAL BRIEFS.

Hugh B. Armstead pleaded guilty to shooting Patrick Butler and went to the workhouse for one year.

Albert Finley pleaded guilty of feloniously shooting Alexander Williams and will serve two years in the workhouse.

The superior court decides in the case of the city of Erie against the Erie Electric Motor Company that only trucks in operation can be taxed.

The trial of Dusan Melic, charged with the murder of Policeman Andrew J. Kelly, was postponed until tomorrow, at the request of his attorney.

Deutsch & Schenevik of Pittsburgh and C. F. Meiser of Allegheny filed a petition in bankruptcy against the Briggs Publishing Company of Pittsburgh. The claims are $659.

The following executions were issued yesterday: The Gillonville Milling Company vs. Fortunato Sacco and Bro., $225.25; Wesley Saunders Company of Pittsburgh vs. George A. Barclay, $5,953.25.

The masters in the divorce suits of Lizzie W. Grosslanger against Otto L. Grosslanger, Rose A. Bonis against Otto L. Bonis and Annie Barcley against George B. Barcley have filed reports recommending decrees.

Annis Markey was awarded $50 in a suit against Thatcher Bowser, Fred Powell of West Homestead for illegally taking coal in a disorderly conduct case. The justice won a similar suit brought by Walter Markey.

H. Wilson Black was acquitted of a charge of malicious mischief preferred by Alfred Barr, manager of the Red Cross Burial association. Barr had discharged Black, claiming he had embezzled money collected. He alleged Black vandalized his office and left the papers, receipt books and life registers in the office.

Judge Shafer released Howard Whilling from jail, where he had been confined by Alderman Charles C. McGovern. The information charged Whilling, leasing a diamond brooch for $315 from M. J. Smit and failing to live up to the lease or return the brooch. No goods could be found and the alderman committed Whilling on a civil process. It was alleged no criminal charge had been made.

MOTHER AND BABE DEAD.

Case of Destitution on the Greensburg Pike, Near East McKeesport.

Side by side on a bed, in a little hut on the Greensburg pike, near East McKeesport, is the dead bodies of Mrs. Flody Miller, a negress, and her week-old baby, while five children, the eldest not more than 10 years, surround the remains. The husband and father cannot be found, it is said, and the family was in destitute circumstances.

The death of the mother and child is said to have resulted from exposure and neglect. The child died on Saturday, and the mother Monday morning. An investigation is being made by a humane agent.

SOCIETY

THE first performance in America of "Parsifal," Wagner's swan song, will be witnessed on Christmas eve in the Metropolitan opera house by several Pittsburgh people. Mr. and Mrs. William G. Park, who are now occupying the Theodore R. Hostetter house in Western avenue, Allegheny, will leave this evening to spend the holidays in New York, where Miss Mary Park has been for a couple of weeks. They will be joined there by their younger daughter and their sons, Reed and Mrs. Park and Miss Mary Park will listen to the opening performance of "Parsifal," which will be the chief social and musical event of the Christmas season in the metropolis. Mr. and Mrs. David Aiken Reed have gone east to spend Christmas with Mrs. Reed's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilcox, in New York, and will be among the number who will hear this masterpiece of the great German composer, for which there has been such contention that the courts have been invoked to restrain its presentation outside of Bayreuth. The performance of "Parsifal" will be unique among performances in the Metropolitan Opera house, as the entire first act will be presented before dinner, opening at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and followed by an intermission, when the audience will disperse to nearby fashionable restaurants and hotels for dinner, and then hasten back for the commencement of the second act, shortly before 9 o'clock. From then on to the conclusion of the entire performance will be concluded by 11:30 in order that those in the audience who wish may participate in the Christmas festivities occurring later in the evening and have time to hang up their stockings before the arrival of Santa Claus on Christmas morning. A party of four Pittsburgh people is planning to go on to New York for the special performance of "Parsifal" on Thursday evening, December 31. This party will include Mr. and Mrs. James Stephen Martin, George H. Wilson and one other. The production under the auspices of this great music drama during the present season there will be one or more parties from Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander R. Peacock and several of their friends intend going on in January to witness it. Pittsburgh people are interested in the production of "Parsifal" aside from the breaking up of the so-called Wagner trust and the introducing of this great work to American audiences, and on a more stupendous scale than is possible in Germany, because one of the roles is taken by Madame Louise Homer, who will be presented with one of the notable casts ever procured, including Madame Fremstad, Madame Homer, Alois Burgstaller, Anton Van Rooy and a number of others.

Bridal Party Selected.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Camille Marie Painter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Park Painter of Stratford avenue, and Frank Connoly Rogers, which will take place in the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart on the morning of December 30. Miss Painter, who is a granddaughter of Mrs. Park Painter, of Ellsworth avenue, and Mrs. Frank O'Connell the Rev. Father Bigley and the Rev. Father Kane, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Connell the Rev. Father Bigley and the Rev. Father Kane, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Connell the bridegroom, will be attended by Miss Anna Belle Painter, a sister of the bride, as maid of honor, and Miss May Florence Frauenheim, Miss Leonie Gormley, Miss Margaret Wilcox and Miss May D. Rogers, a sister of the bridegroom, as bridesmaids. Graham P. Jackson will serve as best man for Mr. Rogers, and the ushers will be J. Rogers Williams, Frank Painter, James J. Flannery, Jr., and Robert R. Gordon.

The church ceremony will be followed by a breakfast for the bridal party at the home of the bride, and a reception for 200 guests will be given for the friends of the two families. After their wedding trip Mr. Rogers and his bride will receive their friends in Avalon street, Bryson Hill. Cards announce at home days after March 15.

An Olde Folkes' Concert.

As a Christmas celebration the members of the Central Young Women's Christian association last evening gave a delightful olde folkes' concert in the assembly room of the association building in Fifth street. The room was beautifully decorated with laurel and asters. Miss Lulu M. Genet and Miss Virginia Sherrard had charge of the entertainment and the choral club furnished the greater part of the program. Each one participating in the affair was impersonated an old-time character, many quaint costumes being worn. Among the impersonators were Miss Genet and Miss Sherrard, Miss Mary Forsyth, Miss Jennie Bell Mesta, Miss Estelle Speer, Miss Kirk, Miss Emma Mitchell, Miss Smith, Miss Loan, Miss Minnie Mingler, Miss Dilly, Miss Attenburg, Miss Catherine Byer, Miss Hamilton, Miss Pittenger, Miss Sergeant and Miss Helen Kell. The program, on which appeared a number of old songs, included "Auld Lang Syne," "Annie Laurie," "Old Oaken Bucket" and many other old-time favorites.

House Party at "Rowanlea."

A house party will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander R. Peacock at "Rowanlea," their home in North Highland avenue. Their guests, who will include the immediate relatives of both the host and hostess, will arrive on Wednesday and Thursday of this week and will remain over the Christmas holidays and until after New Year's day, when Mr. and Mrs. Peacock will hold a large at home. The house party will include Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swalm, Miss Swalm, Miss Allen and James Nelson of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. James Serval, Mrs. Alexander Norval and the children of Orange, N. J. The Christmas celebration at "Rowanlea" will be a brilliant affair, including a large Christmas tree in the great hall and other interesting features.

Mrs. James H. Reed's House Party.

Mrs. James Hay Reed will entertain a house party of young people over the holidays. Her daughter, Miss Katherine Reed, will come home from school on Wednesday, and on Saturday several former school friends will arrive in Pittsburgh to remain for the dance which Mrs. Reed will give on New Year's eve. They will include Miss Jane Given of Columbia, Pa.; Miss Marguerite Sands of Fort Mead, S. D., and Miss Swindell of Baltimore. Next week a sleighing party will be given, decreased by a number of friends of James H. Reed, Jr., young college men, who will take part in the New Year's dance. Mr. and Mrs. David Aiken Reed return from Washington next week to be here for the at home which Mr. and Mrs. James Hay Reed will give on New Year's day.

Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Unsted Bean have issued cards for a reception which they will give at their home, in Forbes street, Bellefield, on Friday evening, January 8, 8:30 o'clock, to celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding day. The invitations are lettered in silver and bear the two dates—1879 and 1904. Included with the invitations is the card of Miss Lillian Reed Bean, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred U. Bean. Mrs. Bean is a sister of Mrs. Andrew Easton of Montgomery avenue, Allegheny, and of Mrs. Frank Whitesell of Sewickley, Pa.

Christmas and New Year's Dances.

The Comus club will give two holiday dances in the assembly hall, in Wilkinsburg, the first occurring on Christmas evening, December 25, and the second on New Year's eve, December 31, when the members of the club and their friends will dance the old year out and welcome in the new.

At Home Cards Issued.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Joyce have issued cards announcing at home days after December 25 in Neville street, Shadyside. Mrs. Joyce was Miss Lulu Moseby prior to her marriage a few weeks ago.

Holiday Dances.

The Iriquois club will give a large subscription dance in the Pittsburgh Conservatory of Music on the evening of Tuesday, January 5. The Brookdequet club will hold its next dance in Aeberly hall, Wilkinsburg, on the evening of Friday, January 15.

Miss Nicholson Entertained.

Among yesterday's social events was the euchre given at the Schenley by Miss Nettie Nicholson of Fifth avenue. About 18 tables occupied the parlors and the large room at the head of the stairs. The decorations were carried out in poinsettia and palms, grouped in the corners. The five prizes were won by Mrs. J. Guy McCandless, Mrs. S. B. McNeely, Mrs. J. Merril Wright, Mrs. William B. Coyle and Mrs. James S. Ycho. Shubard euchre was the game played. The guests included a number of the brides of the last few seasons.

Wedded on His Sick Bed.

George Selwyn Culture, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Edward A. Culbert Walbrook of Baltimore, was married yesterday while critically ill with typhoid fever to Miss Mary Procter Brady of a well-known and prominent Baltimore family. Mr. Culbert is the son of the assistant secretary of the American Bridge Company, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, where he also made his home, was stricken with typhoid fever a few days ago. He could make the trip to Baltimore, however, with he was reaching that city in an exhausted condition last Saturday. He had rallied somewhat yesterday, and the guests invited to have the wedding, which had originally been set for Monday, at the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Prince of Peace, took place at noon. In the presence of the relatives of the groom and his sister of the bride the marriage was solemnized by the father of the bride. Mr. Culbert bore the ex stement of the event well, but is expected daily to succumb to the fever. He will make their home in Pittsburgh. The bride is a sister of Upton W. Brady, deputy register of wills of Baltimore county.

Second Monday Night Cotillion.

A pretty scene was presented last evening in the ball room of the Pittsburgh club, the occasion being the second Monday night cotillion. Last evening's coalition was larger and more elaborate than the first of the series because of the nearness of Christmas. Decorations in keeping with the season added to the beauty of the entertainment. The leaders of the cotillion were Arthur W. Bell, George H. Oliver and Clinton F. Childs. The patronesses include Mrs. Charles C. Scaife, Mrs. Henry Buhman, Mrs. Harmar D. Denny, Mrs. James Wood, Mrs. John H. Hickenlooper, Jr., Mrs. William N. Frew, Mrs. Harvey Childs, Jr., Mrs. J. Stuart Young, Mrs. Henry Chalfant, Mrs. Douglas Sloan, Mrs. Frank Scott Willock, Mrs. Louis Hunt, Mrs. Frank Bailey, Mrs. Robert Garland, Mrs. Edward McGinley, Mrs. Henry R. Rea, Mrs. Carroll H. Pittsburgh, Mrs. Frederick Curtis Perkins and Mrs. James H. Chalfant.

Relief Club's Christmas Treat.

The Relief club will give a treat on Christmas day to 400 children of the poor in the Eighth avenue. The children will include the girls in the sewing classes which are taught by the members of the Relief club, their little brothers and all the children who were in the summer home conducted under the direction of the sisters. There will be a Christmas tree, with toys and candy and a feast for the children. The members of the Relief club include Miss Pauline M. Donnelly, Mrs. Albert Campbell Hall, Miss Josephine Hall, Miss Anna R. Hoyle, Miss Elizabeth Hoyt, Miss Edith L. Keating, Miss Emily A. Keating, Miss Florence B. Lanahan, Miss Stella Loughrey, Mrs. Peter Lynch, who will officiate at the bride's table; Mrs. Jane C. Patterson, Miss Johanna Reilly, Miss Mary G. Rowan, Miss Katherine Vilsack and Miss Ruth A. Weldon.

For the Buffer Relief Fund.

For the benefit of the Buffer sufferers an entertainment will be held, under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Conservatory of Music by the Cecil Cotswell Williams vaudeville company. William F. Braun and his pupils will give a reception and ball in Braun's auditorium, 1,000 Highland avenue, East End, on Wednesday evening, January 6, for the benefit of the Buffer relief fund.

Holiday Entertainments.

Mrs. J. A. Wilson of Jeannette street, Wilkinsburg, has cards out for a large reception in the afternoon of Tuesday, December 29.

Miss Anna Welsh of Allen avenue will entertain at cards on Tuesday, December 29. The affair is to be quite large, the guests including the young girls home from school. The game will be six-hand euchre.

Engagement Announced.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Ella Richardson of Oakland and Clarence R. Dietrich of Egbert, which will terminate in the marriage on Wednesday, December 30. After January 15 Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich will be at home to their friends.

Whist for Mrs. George.

Mrs. Findley Lloyd of Shields entertained yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. William Dixon George, a bridge at bridge whist. About 50 guests were present.

SAY HE HAS CONFESSED.

Police Have Suspect Who Is Thought to Have Robbed Alleghenians.

Walter Meyers, alias Biddle Meyers, arrested Sunday by the Allegheny police, is said to have confessed to robbing the residence of Mrs. E. P. Kerr of 808 Church avenue, Saturday evening last. At that time a man entered through a second-story window and got away with money and jewelry valued at $50.

When searched at Central station the police say they found a charm bearing the initials "M. E." and a pendant belonging to Walter Wormald of Wormald & Co., hardware dealers of 101 Federal street, and a bracelet with the initials, "E. P. K." Wormald's store was entered Thursday night. The police say Meyers confessed to committing this burglary also.

Information has been made against him by N. J. White, a plumber of Rust Lacock street, who says Meyers stole some tools from him. It is said by the police that Meyers sought at Ferrell & Co.'s works in Lacock street last week and wanted a set of burglar's tools made. He will get a hearing today.

Doctor Contracts Smallpox from Patient.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—R. H. Hazlett, who has been attending smallpox victims at Vanderbilt, became ill today and Dr. T. H. White, of the state board of health, pronounced his illness smallpox.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Frederick Simms	Pittsburgh
Annie Kates	Pittsburgh
Nellie Nelson	Fayette City, Pa.
Margaret Forshed	Duluth, Minn.
William Haskell	Glassport
Fannie Cook	Glassport, Pa.
Leon Metzger	Pittsburgh
Sophia Weigler	Pittsburgh
Parks Eatmon	Sharpsville
Margaret M. Everson	Pittsburgh
Jacob N. Schindewolf	Bellaire, O.
Anna Venison	Pittsburgh
Fred Moore	McKeesport
Pearl Clark	Glassport
Morris L. Hunter	Elizabeth, Pa.
Anna M. Leech	Elizabeth, Pa.
F. Howard Noel	Allegheny
Hazel L. Burger	Allegheny
Charles B. Anderson	Wilkinsburg
Anna L. Cummins	Florence, Pa.
Rosa Cook	Pittsburgh
Mary McIntosh	Pittsburgh
Fulton Wharf	Pittsburgh
Jennie Randall	Pittsburgh
Jean Rouss	Bulger, Pa.
Alex Ray	Butler, Pa.
George L. Steinbrenner	Allegheny
Catherine Price	Pittsburgh
Herman Roehl	McKees Rocks
Mary Hohenstriner	Pittsburgh
Lawson E. Houck	Duquesne
Martha B. McAvoy	Duquesne
Jesse L. Conkwright	Pittsburgh
Emma Richards	Allegheny
William H. Weaden	Pittsburgh
Blanna Ferree	Pittsburgh
August A. Kendell	Pittsburgh
Louis Scholl	Pittsburgh
Lucy A. Dorsey	Pittsburgh
William Lawler	Pittsburgh
Hettie Burtin	Pittsburgh

PICKETS MUST STAY AWAY FROM HOUSES OF MOURNING

Chicago Police at Last Stirred by Sense of Decency and Issue Edict.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Picketing of houses from which funerals are to start, whether peaceful or violent, by union livery drivers, who went on strike four days ago, is to be prevented by the police under direct orders issued tonight by Chief of Police O'Neil. J. H. Wadsworth, secretary, and Charles Stevens, business agent of the liverymen's union, were summoned before Chief O'Neil and told in plain language that any differences the union might have would have to be settled away from houses of mourning.

Chief O'Neil instructed commanding officers to accompany funerals in carriages, if circumstances seemed to require it, and to see that the last rites of the dead be in no way interfered with. While the courts have inclined to the doctrine of peaceful picketing, Chief O'Neil's order including pickets of any kind around houses of mourning. He declares tonight that in his opinion no court could be found which would fail to sustain an act of such evident necessity as the protection of property contemplated by the police department.

On top of Chief O'Neil's order came the announcement tonight that peace plans, looking to a settlement of the strike had been matured through the efforts of the Chicago board of arbitration. A committee was appointed at a meeting of the liverymen and the undertakers' associations to meet with a committee from the drivers' union to endeavor to bring about an amicable adjustment of the differences.

Officers Save a Child's Life.

Special Officers James J. Connors and Lash Williams saved an 8-year-old girl's life from being crushed out by a traction car at Carson and South Seventeenth streets last night. The girl was with her mother and attempted to cross Carson street in front of the car. Rapidly moving car, the mother's screams attracted the officers' attention and when they ran to the child's rescue the mother fainted. On being revived she refused to give the officers her name.

KING ALFONSO MAY WED A BAVARIAN PRINCESS

MADRID, Dec. 21.—According to the Spanish newspapers, a project is on foot for the marriage of King Alfonso to his cousin, the Princess Maria del Pilar of Bavaria. She is 13 years of age.

SISTERS OF MERCY DRIVEN FROM FRANCE

Nineteen Members of the Order of St. Chretienne Arrive in New York.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Nineteen sisters of Mercy of the order of St. Chretienne, Paris, who the recent laws passed against Roman Catholic schools in France have driven from their country, arrived this morning on the French liner La Bretagne.

"We were practically forced to leave France," said Sister Alexandra, "on account of the government closing schools where we taught. The members of our order have been actively engaged in all parts of France, not only in teaching the young, but in caring for the sick in hospitals. Most of the sisters with me are from the province of Alsace, where the war waged by the state against Catholicism is being fought especially fiercely. Either, and a few are from Soudan.

"Do you expect to return to France some day?" she was asked.

"Oh, I hope so," replied Sister Alexandra, wistfully, "but we should not like to return while we are leaving France forever. Sooner or later this cruel opposition must be withdrawn."

Sister Alexandra said that all but three of their number would go Sabot.

In regard to the future labor of the large Roman Catholic convent there. The others will go to Spencer S. D., to enter Sacred School of Economy.

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CHRIST IN THE MANGER.

Reproduction of the Scene in Bethlehem at the Church of the Epiphany.

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On Christmas day the pontifical mass will be celebrated by the Right Rev. Boyle O'Reilly, assisted by the very Rev. W. Kittell, the Rev. Father O'Connell, the Rev. H. Boyle, and the Rev. Miles M. Sweeney. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Miles Sweeney, and he will be followed by 19 torch-bearers and 50 choir boys. At 10:15 a. m. mass will be said, the Rev. H. Boyle being the celebrant, assisted by the Revs. O'Connell and Sweeney and the sermon will be delivered by Bishop Canevin.

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AMBER ST., 229—Two rooms, connecting, two closets, hot water, heat, private family; Center and Negley cars to Friendship; 30 minutes to city.

BRATTY ST., 553, two nicely furnished rooms with heat of board; home comforts; convenience.

BENNETT ST., 7517—Well furnished front alcove room; heated, all conveniences; gentlemen.

BOND ST., 6045—Large, well furnished front room, with alcove; in refined private family.

BROAD ST., 6224, nicely furnished rooms, every convenience.

COLLIN AVE., 504—Two nicely furnished rooms; every convenience; housekeeping if desired.

CREVE COEUR CLUB.

Gentlemen looking for bachelor apartments are invited to call at 5407-11 Forbes; billiard room, shower bath, best service, home cooking, celebrated chef. Bell 872-J Park; P. & A. 4th.

ELGIN ST., 6310, near Atlantic ave.—Two rooms; light housekeeping; convenient.

EUCLID PLACE, 5003, three nicely furnished rooms in private family, board optional.

FINE ST., 216—Large furnished rooms; every convenience; near car lines.

FINE ST., 345—Nicely furnished large rooms; every convenience; near car lines.

FINE ST., 607, nicely furnished room; conveniences.

FINE ST., 607, large, light rooms, alcove, on car line.

FINE ST., 1—Furnished rooms; gas; Leland and Penn.

FINE ST., 411, large nicely furnished rooms; smaller ones; every convenience.

FINE ST., 1—Furnished room; every convenience.

FINE ST., near Whitfield; furnished rooms; every convenience; near Highland ave.

FINE ST., 1—Furnished second-floor front room; every convenience; with board; good location.

FINE ST., 1—Furnished rooms; every convenience.

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LARGE CALL LOANS MADE AT LOW RATES

One Money Broker Is Estimated to Have Put Out $15,000,000 at 4 1-2 to 3 Per Cent—Eastern Stocks Dull—Locals Firmer.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

The bank statement on Saturday showed surplus reserves exceeding $14,000,000, which is far above the average at this season for the past five years. Yesterday the money market responded to this evidence of ease and the prospect for a further accumulation of funds, and one money broker, who represents a number of New York banks, is estimated to have put out $15,000,000 in call loans, at rates ranging from 4½ to 3 per cent. These rates covered the extreme fluctuations for the day. It is not often that the closing weeks in the year are accompanied by declining rates. The movement usually comes after the turn of the year, when preparations have been made for interest and dividend disbursements, and the latter are going direct into bank. Wall street, therefore, has one assurance and that is an absence of money stringency for the remainder of 1903, which has certainly recorded some very curious and apparently contradictory fluctuations in the market.

The stock market was under the influence of the approaching Christmas holidays. It was made up chiefly of specialties, prices for which were irregular. London quotations for American securities came lower, and English consols were weak, the foreign markets being actuated by the war rumors involving Russia and Japan. London sold United States Steel preferred, and the latter was one of the weakest of the list. It opened lower at 94½ and broke to 94¼. At the dealing there was good buying, which caused a recovery to 95⅝. Later in the day, however, there was fresh liquidation, forcing a decline to 94⅜, the close being at 94⅝, a net loss of 1¼ per cent from Saturday's close. There were very little dealing in the common stock, which fluctuated between 10⅝@10¼. The new bonds were rather heavy, and after selling at 106½ declined to 106⅜ at the close. Some of the iron and steel stocks were quite strong. American Locomotive common advanced more than 3 points, selling over 39, and the preferred advanced to 93. In the late reaction both issues sold off about a point. American Car and Foundry, also, came out strong, and Pressed Steel Car advanced 2 per cent. The movement in these stocks was credited to manipulation. Tennessee Coal and Iron advanced to 34⅝, but subsequently lost the gain. Amalgamated Copper was a feature in the early selling, advancing to 49¾, but it closed at 47¾, a net loss of ⅝ per cent.

The anthracite coal stocks were the leaders of the railroad list during the early part of the day and all scored further advances. Delaware & Hudson opened higher at 165, but later reacted to 163. Delaware, Lackawanna & Western opened 1 per cent higher, at 261, advanced to 266, and reacted to 263, at the close. Reading advanced a point to 46½, but sold back to 45¾. Baltimore & Ohio and Pennsylvania were rather heavy and declined fractionally. In the grangers there were no wide movements, but Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and St. Paul all closed near the lowest of the day. Southern Pacific sold down to 52⅜. There was very little life to the dealings in the final hour, and the market closed barely steady, and only slightly above the lowest prices of the day. The sales reached 472,000 shares.

Aside from the ease in call money and the decline in rates, there was no influential news on the market. During the remainder of the week trading is likely to be even more professional, and the volume of business will be small. All the notable bank clearing houses will be closed Friday and Saturday, and besides the general disposition to close out speculative deals over a long holiday, there will be a gradual dwindling of professional and public interest until after the first of the year.

Although dealings on the Pittsburgh Stock exchange yesterday were very light, the tone of the market was firmer, with the exception of Steel preferred, which followed the tendency in Wall street and closed about a point lower. Crucible Steel preferred advanced ¾, to 87¾, and closed at 88 bid. The common stock was also a fraction higher at 14¼. The selling pressure on Pittsburgh Coal preferred disappeared and the stock recovered to and closed at 87¾. The common rallied to 17⅛. Westinghouse Electric rallied to 79¼ and closed ¾ higher, at 78¾. Manufacturers Light and Heat declined a small fraction, being offered at 29½ at the close, and Pittsburgh Brewing common declined to 2¼¾. National Fire Proofing common rallied to 37½, while the preferred closed nominally unchanged at 22 bid, 22½ asked. The rest of the list remained dull but steady.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday were 2,515 shares stock and $1,000 bonds, as follows:

10 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

12	Ohio Fuel	37	
10	Electric Sds	79	
60	do	79	
50	do	79	
10	do	79	
100	do	79⅛	
100	Pgh. Coal pfd	87	
100	do	87½	

10:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

10	Electric Sds	79⅛	
10	do	79	
10	do	79	
20	Pgh. Coal pfd	87½	
25	Fire Proof	6¾	
10	Fire Proof	6¾	
10	Crucible	14	
5	do	14¼	

12:30 P. M. to 2 P. M.

100	Electric Sds	79⅛	
100	Pgh. Coal pfd	87⅛	

2 P. M. to 3 P. M.

10	Electric Sds	78⅝	
75	Fire Proof	6¾	
50	Mfrs. L. & H.	29½	
100	do	29¾	
4	do	29¾	
$1000	Breing 6s	113¾	
20	U. S. Steel pf	94⅜	
50	do	95¼	
100	U. S. Steel pf	95⅜	
50	do	95¼	
200	do	95	
50	Crucible pfd	87¾	
10	Mfrs. L. & H.	29½	
50	Marsden	3⅛	
50	do	3⅛	
100	do	3⅛	
100	do	3⅛	
5	Fire Proof pf	22½	
50	Marsden	3⅛	
100	do	3⅛	
50	do	3⅛	
5	Fire Proof pf	22	
50	Pgh. Coal pfd	87½	
100	do	87¾	
100	do	87¾	
50	do	87¾	
5	Fire Proof pf	22	
5	do	22	
100	Pgh. Coal	17⅛	

Summary.

Sales.	High.	Low.	Last Sale.	Chge.
100 Brewing	2¼	2¼	2¼	— ¼
15 Crucible	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	— ⅛
50 Do preferred	87¾	87¾	87¾	— ¾
100 Fire Proof	6¾	6¾	6¾	— ¼
205 Do preferred	*22½	22½	22½	— ½
246 Mfrs. L. & H.	29¼	29¼	*29⅝	— ⅛
250 Marsden	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛	— ⅛
12 Ohio Fuel	37	37	37	— ¼
100 Pgh. Coal	87⅛	87⅛	87⅛	— ⅛
205 Do preferred	87¾	87	87¾	— ¾
220 U. S. Steel pf	95⅝	95¼	95½	— 1
310 W. Elec. Sds	79¼	78¾	78¾	— ¾
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BONDS.

$1000	Breing 6s	113¾	113¼	113¼ — ⅜

*Less than 10 shares.

Closing Bids and Offers.

BONDS	Par.	Bid.	Ask.
Mfrs. Light & Heat	50	29	29½
Ohio Fuel Supply rc	25	38¾	39
Peoples Passenger	50	70	75
West. Elec. 2d pfd	100	78¾	79¼
Consolidated Ice pfd	50	3½	5½
Crucible Steel	100	4	5½
Do preferred	100	98	99
Monon. River Coal pfd	50	25	30
Monongahela Incline	50	61	
Marsden	100	3	5½
National Fire Proof	50	6¾	7¼
Do preferred	50	22	22½
Philadelphia Company	50	39	41
Pittsburgh Brewing	50	24	
Do preferred	50	43	
Pittsburgh Coal	100	17⅛	17¾
Do preferred	100	87¾	87¾
United States Steel	100	10	10⅛
Do preferred	100	95	95¼
Westinghouse Airbrake	50	150	

BONDS.

B. R. & A. Traction 5s		115¼	
Consolidated Gas 5s		107½	108¼

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Wet-sage holiday spirit running high, is still causing a startling paucity of news to put into the life into the local general market during the remainder of the short week. Even war between Russia and Japan, which seemed to impend yesterday, judging from the advance in marine insurance rates, had little effect in foreign government securities, while the parcels' mail little effect upon Wall street, where the operators, to entirely in the hands of professional traders, who are not hampered by legitimate news when it comes to making discriminations. The increasing ease in the eastern money market should stimulate the demand for bonds. And after the directors of United States Steel meet on January 6 and put at rest current rumors regarding the earnings of the corporation for the last quarter, there should be a more decided trend to the market for industrial stocks.

It required very little buying of Pittsburgh Coal preferred to change the tone from weakness to strength. According to brokers' reports there is a considerable short interest in the stock.

Westinghouse Electric was firmer in New York yesterday, and the local market responded by an advance to 79¼. The close was at 78¾.

The Diamond Light & Power Company has declared a dividend of 12 per cent, payable semi-annually, 6 per cent on January 1 and 6 per cent on July 1, 1904.

The United States Reduction & Refining Company has passed the dividend on the preferred stock.

A sale was reported yesterday of 50 shares Fayette County Gas at 70.

Members of the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday nominated officers and directors to be voted on January 5. The only contest will be on the treasurership, for which H. Kirk Porter, jr., and John B. Barbour, jr., are candidates. The nominations in full will be found in another column.

The November statement of the Philadelphia Company, showing a decrease in net earnings from operations of $11,000, had no effect upon the stock. Shares were nominally quoted at 39 bid. Manufacturers Light & Heat was a fraction lower, while Ohio Fuel Supply was unchanged.

The Missouri Pacific yesterday declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent.

The Panhandle statement for November shows an increase in gross earnings of $180,165, and an increase in net of $9,714. For 11 months the gross increased $2,119,858 and the net increased $198,886.

Wall street had a report that the Interborough Company would take over the lines of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit, guaranteeing a 4 per cent dividend on the Brooklyn stock. This report was denied, but on the rumor the stock was pushed up.

In the seven years, 1883 to 1890, inclusive, Pennsylvania paid 6 per cent annually on 120 millions of stock. In 1900 it paid 6 per cent on 140 millions, in 1901 6 per cent on 180 millions. In 1902 6 per cent on 204 millions, and in the interval of 19 years the company had an aggregate surplus of 85 millions over dividends paid.

The stock and debt capitalization of New York Central has increased as follows since 1897:

	1903	Increase.
Stock	$130,260,000	$ 32,250,000
Funded debt	194,550,046	124,549,213
Unfunded debt	2,379,500	974,022
Total	$327,189,546	$157,881,801

*Decrease.

The rumor that United States Steel would absorb Pressed Steel Car died an early and natural death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Money brokers assert that money on call was more freely offered yesterday than at any corresponding period for many years past. All conspicuous of the money market were affected, sixty and ninety-day loans and even thirty-day loans being passed at below 4 per cent. Mercantile paper for prime names was offered at 5¼, thus breaking the 6 per cent rate which has been determinedly held for some time past. Sentiment was affected by the opinions expressed by prominent bankers, authorities when questioned regarding the likelihood of Russian or Japanese loan finding subscribers here, to the effect that we are likely to need money resources in our own markets.

The Atchison bond issue played a part in the sharp upward movement of the railroad equipment stocks, owing to the intimation conveyed in the official announcement of the sale of the Atchison bonds that a part of the proceeds would be used for the purchase of locomotives and new equipment.

Foreign Exchange.

The Iron City Trust Company quotes checks as follows: Sterling, 486 25; francs, 5.19.60; marks, 95.15; kronen (Austrian), 20.29; francs, 19.40; Italian lire (paper), 517.50; rubles, 51.50; pesetas (Spain), 15.65; kronor (Scandinavian), 26.16; florins, 40.20; Hongkong (dollars local currency), 421; Manila (dollars local currency), 427.

FEATURES OF THE DAY

IN PITTSBURGH.

Bank exchanges were $5,879,327, a decrease of $400,000.

Stock exchange transactions included 2,515 shares stock and $1,000 bond.

Nine of the 13 stocks dealt in closed at net gains.

Pittsburgh Coal preferred rallied to and closed at 87¾.

Crucible Steel preferred closed a point higher at 88 bid.

Westinghouse Electric advanced to 79¼ and reacted to 78¾ at the close.

IN WALL STREET.

Total sales for the day were 406,100 shares of stock.

The market's activity was again confined to a few stocks.

Money on call was more freely offered than at any corresponding period for many years.

Some heaviness was shown in Atchison owing to its bond issue.

Amalgamated Copper after advancing slightly reacted sharply with the remainder of the market.

Bonds were dull but generally steady, total sales being $1,960,000 (par value).

South Penn's Gushers Continue to Flow Oil in Large Quantities

The South Penn Oil Company's gusher on the Wesley Robinson farm, located on the east side of the Folsom district, in Harrison county, W. Va., for the 48 hours ending at 7 o'clock yesterday morning produced 2,020 barrels. Two miles north of the gusher the same company's No. 2 on the Mary A. Benner farm for the corresponding time produced 540 barrels. In the Folsom district the South Penn Company has drilled its No. 3 on the B. F. Holdeath farm seven feet into the Gordon and the hole has filled up 600 feet with fluid. The same company's No. 4 is eight feet in the Gordon and has a show of oil. The South Penn has drilled in No. 2 on the M. F. Post farm 50 feet into the strav and has a show for a big gusher.

In the Salem district, in Harrison county, the South Penn Company has drilled its test on the Theodore McDonald farm three feet into the strav and has developed a strong flow of gas. In the same district, Garfian & Co. have given their test on the Sarah Trough farm a 40-quart shot and failed to improve the showing. It will make a small pumper.

In the Pine Grove extension the South Penn has drilled its second test on the A. N. Jackson farm into the strav 25 feet and the hole has filled up 2,000 feet with fluid. The same company has drilled its No. 1 on the Lida Postalwait farm 25 feet into the strav and has developed no oil. No. 2 on the B. F. Postalwait farm has been drilled through the strav and is found no production.

The South Penn Oil Company has drilled its test on the Dulaney-Clark farm into the pay and the well produced 150 barrels the first 24 hours. In the same district the South Penn has drilled its No. 6 on the Lida Leonard farm into the pay and the well produced 75 barrels the first 24 hours. It will be drilled deeper. The South Penn Company has drilled its test on the Peter White farm through the Gordon and failed to find any oil, but has a good gasser. This well is in the Monte Run development.

In the Allen Timber Run district the South Penn has drilled its test on the Sarah J. Ribb farm through the Big Injun and will have a light pumper. In the same district No. 9 on the Perry Jones farm has been drilled 14 feet into the same formation and is not yet ready to shoot gas. The same company's test on the S. J. Cox farm has been drilled into the Big Injun and is not showing any oil. In the northeast end of the Allen district, in Tyler county, the Delmar Oil Company's No. 2 on the Wright-Bennett farm is in and producing 100 barrels a day from the Gordon.

At Wick, Tyler county, Stiles Bros. have drilled their No. 4 on the Charles Ambrose farm into the Big Injun and the well produced 500 barrels the first 24 hours. It has not been pulled. No. 5 came in three weeks ago, is producing 140 barrels a day.

In the same district and on a part of the same farm, Root, Duff Bros. & Bower have drilled their No. 4 to the top of the sand and have been delayed in order for a bit. The well was showing some oil when the bit was put in and will make a good producer when drilled in deep. No. 5 is holding up at 200 barrels a day. Near Stringtown, on the edge of Tyler county, the Colonial Oil Company has drilled its second test on the Thomas McCormick farm and has a 20-barrel producer in the Big Injun.

On Mellen creek, Pocahontas county, Charles Verboke has completed his test on the G. M. Jewell farm in the Cow Run. The first is good for 75 and the last 40 barrels a day. In the same district the Cunningham Farm Oil Company has completed its test on the D. D. Cunningham farm and has a duster.

North and of the Marshall county development and to the west of the producing wells, the South Penn Oil Company has drilled to its test on the Dobol-Standiford farm and the well flowed 53 barrels the first 12 hours from the Gordon.

On the Ohio side in the Zanesville district, in Monroe county, the Fluty Oil Company has drilled its No. 1 on the Eggers farm into the Berea sand and has a show for a 100-barrel producer. The Southern Oil Company, operating in the Ellis district, has completed its No. 1 on the Phillip Schaffer farm. In the same district W. G. Decker has drilled his No. 1 on the Henry Dillon farm into the Big Lime formation and has a show for a 60-barrel producer.

In the Clear Fork district, Shay, McMullin & Co. have drilled their second test on the A. Lee farm into the Berea grit and have a show for a 100-barrel producer. In the same district A. A. Casselon has completed his No. 1 on the William Winland farm and has a 100-barrel pumper into the Keener. West of Wooster, in Sugar Creek township, the Ohio Oil Company has drilled its second test on the J. J. Hosher farm through the Big Injun and has a duster.

In the Muskingum field in Washington county, Cornwell, Russell & Co. have completed No. 2 on the A. Dutton farm and have a small pumper. In the same district, Longfellow & Dutton have completed a second test on the Tyler Hill farm and have a light pumper in the Buell Run sand.

Shipments and Runs.

Shipments and runs of the Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana fields:

PENNSYLVANIA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
Dec. 19 and 20	109,240	Dec. 18 and 19	145,811
Previously	1,425,500	Previously	1,216,945
Total	1,625,640	Total	1,554 756
Daily Average	76,262	Daily Average	71,271

LIMA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
Dec. 19 and 20	128,450	Dec. 18 and 19	142,511
Previously	1,205,450	Previously	911,585
Total	1,333,900	Total	1,054,096
Daily Average	66,747	Daily Average	63,350

The Oil Market.

The Standard quotes credit balances in the various fields as follows: Tiona, $2 05; Pennsylvania, $1 60; Corning, $1 70; New Castle, $1 77; North Lima, $1 88; South Lima, $1 93; Indiana, $1 85; Raglan, 60c. The Producers and Refiners Company quotes $1 90 for Pennsylvania.

OIL CITY, PA., Dec. 21.—Credit balances, $1 60; certificates, no bid; shipments, 122,544 bbls; average, 77,281 bbls; runs, 130,876 bbls; average, 71,082 bbls; shipments, Lima, 150,449 bbls; average, 68,347 bbls; runs, Lima, 100,656 bbls; average, 53,150 bbls.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 21.—North Lima, $1 88; South Lima and Indiana, $1 85.

NEWS FROM THE MINES.

The final papers transferring the Domingo group of mining claims to the Consolidated Eureka Mining and Tunnel Company are reported to have been signed. The amount involved is estimated at $300,000.

Development of this group will be in driving a long tunnel, starting at about 150 feet above the level of Eureka and strike in an easterly direction which will intersect the veins of the group from 600 to 2,500 feet in depth. The company will immediately install a plant of machinery, consisting of boiler and air compressor.

The Lackawanna group of mines, just outside of the town limits of Scranton, was reopened on last Monday after remaining idle for a month. The mines are owned by the Pennsylvania Coal Company and is owned by the Pan Motion Mining and Manufacturing Company, which owns a number of collieries in the Wyoming valley. The mines will be worked to their full capacity during the winter months.

The Ajax and Rattler mines, in the Cripple Creek district, have been closed down for the winter months. The Ajax has been one of the heaviest producers of the district, and the Rattler has been shipping a large tonnage of ore. The mines will be closed down for the winter months.

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The Victor mine, in the Cripple Creek district, has been closed down for the winter months. The Victor has been one of the heaviest producers of the district, and the Rattler has been shipping a large tonnage of ore. The mines will be closed down for the winter months.

The Independence mine, in the Cripple Creek district, has been closed down for the winter months. The Independence has been one of the heaviest producers of the district, and the Rattler has been shipping a large tonnage of ore. The mines will be closed down for the winter months.

The Golden Cycle mine, in the Cripple Creek district, has been closed down for the winter months. The Golden Cycle has been one of the heaviest producers of the district, and the Rattler has been shipping a large tonnage of ore. The mines will be closed down for the winter months.

The Cripple Creek district has been closed down for the winter months. The district

SEWICKLEY SALES BRING $155,000

Nevin and McDonald Properties Sold to a New Realty Company.

THEY WILL BUILD FIFTY HOUSES

Negotiations are nearly closed for the purchase of 15 acres of choice frontage in Sewickley for $155,000. The land includes the eight-acre tract of the Mrs. Hannah L. Nevin estate and seven acres adjoining belonging to the estate of Mrs. J. Sharp McDonald. The properties are on the south side of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago railroad and extend to the Ohio river. The Nevin tract fronts approximately 460x900 feet and the McDonald property is about 350x700 feet. The Nevin mansion, a large frame house built 41 years ago at a cost of $16,000, and now occupied by J. Sharp McDonald, is reserved with the apartment with five lots. The McDonald property is thickly studded with immense shade trees, making it one of the most beautiful places in Sewickley. The preliminary papers have been signed for the purchase of this property for $80,000. The Nevin holdings, from which two houses are reserved, go into the deal at $50,000.

Will Build 50 Stone Houses.

The properties are being bought by a new real estate company, which proposes to start extensive improvements at once. Maple avenue, a 60-foot street, and Pine street will be extended through the properties east and west, giving them four good frontages. The land will then be divided into about 120 lots, 50x150 feet each, which will be sold at from $2,500 to $3,000 each. The building improvements will be put on the property this winter to make it ready for building in the spring. The company will also build about 50 houses, none of which will cost less than $8,000. These will be of the famous Grafton stone and will be finished in hardwood. The building up of these properties means a model addition to Sewickley's residence properties, for they are situated less than two squares east of the station and in a part of the town which commands the best class of buyers for homes. The meetings at the purchasing company and the final preliminaries in the deal will probably be made known this week.

No New Developments.

Rumors were again current yesterday that definite action was to be taken in the proposed sale of the Second Presbyterian church property at the northwest corner of Penn avenue and Seventh street. It was learned, however, from a member of the building committee that no new developments have taken place. Some two weeks ago the building committee was granted a renewal of the permission given them nearly a year ago to sell the church property if an offer was received that they deemed justified a disposal of it. They were also to use similar privileges in the purchase of a new site, providing the old one was sold. No new offers have been received and in case a sale should be decided on it would have to be submitted to the congregation for approval. The last offer made last spring was $500,000.

The continued strikes of the plumbers and affiliated trades are causing very serious losses to speculative builders who have large way bunches of houses for the spring market. One lot of 20 houses in the East End has been partially roofed for six weeks by the strikers. Roofers cannot be secured and the slate for the roofs has lain on the ground over a month, while the interior has suffered from the rains and snows. Other projects around the city are in a similar condition. Added to the actual damage to the houses in their unfinished condition, the delay will make it impossible to complete many of them in time for the early market, thus causing a further loss to the owners.

Bradley Place Residence Sold.

Elmer W. Mellor of Allegheny has sold to Kelly S. Ingersoll a residence property 100x140 feet, on the north side of Arthur avenue, near Browne street, Twentieth ward, for $22,000. The residence is a 12-room center hall two-story frame, finished in hard wood and lately completed. Another fine residence in the same locality was disposed of last week, both being bought for homes.

Webster avenue. Jacob Little sold to Robert G. McCarter an improved lot 17.8x62 feet, on the southeast side of Webster avenue, near Fifth street, Eleventh ward, for $7,500.

Maryland avenue. The Commonwealth Real Estate & Trust Company sold for Harry Darlington to Mary E. Boyer an improved lot 50x100 feet, on the east side of Maryland avenue, near Howe street, Twentieth ward, for $6,650.

Shiloh street. Chris Seger's estate sold to John Schmick an improved lot 20x100 feet, on the east side of Shiloh street, Thirty-second ward, for $5,500.

Logan street. John T. Fox sold to Harris Friedman an improved lot 20x70 feet, at the southeast corner of Clark and Logan streets, Seventh ward, for $6,000.

Scattering Transactions.

Hinton street. Richard Blatt sold to Warren Miller an improved lot 22½x95 feet, at the southeast corner of Hinton and Roberts streets, Eleventh ward, for $2,500.

Aiken avenue. Catherine Weling sold to Frank Zwingel an improved lot 20x61 feet, on the east side of Aiken avenue, near Walnut street, Twentieth ward, for $2,500.

Bidwell End. The Manor Real Estate & Trust Company, developing the Bidwell Park Railroad Company, has purchased from William McCauley an improved lot 80x139 feet, on the west side of the Allegheny Valley railroad tracks, adjoining the property of the Atlantic Refining Company, near Brilliant station, for $3,000.

Transfers Recorded.

Harlan, Sarah to Geo Ellsworth. Dec 11, 19th wd, Pgh, 20x120, Kincaid st ..... $ 2,050

Beal Pgh Construction Co to Sam'l Stahl, Oct 16, Turtle Creek, 22x100, Braddock ave 2,350

Fralich Kate S to Geo W McCurdy, Dec 10, Clondalo, 60x85, Ft Wayne & R 5,750

Huesman L E to L O Sadd, Nov 12, 18th wd, Ally, 4 lots, Brown plan 3,000

William W to Wm Braddock, Dec 12, Braddock, 20x120, Talbot ave 1,800

Saemisberger S to Nathan Fineberg, Dec 10, 11th wd, Pgh, 40x93, Colwell st 12,200

Dorrington J E to Ward Mauch, Dec 7, Sherrett twp, 80x125 1,200

Zangrilli M to Maria Spirano, Nov 30, 19th wd, Pgh, 22x90, River ave 650

Cooper H to M D Davidson, Oct 17, Oakmont, 63x168, Rathbone st 2,800

McKinley Robert to John A Young, Dec 1, 17th wd, Pgh, 20x47, Main st 3,000

Burgan S P to Joseph Kayton, Nov 17, Carnegie, 25x100, W Boundary st 3,150

McCrady Bros. Co. to J. M. McCrady, Nov 16, Swissvale, 42x83, Wagner st 2,380

Pushman C to Ella J Long, Dec 14, 32d wd, Pgh, 27x100, West of Dec 14 2,100

Shugarman David to Rose Combs, Nov 18, N Braddock, 35x154, Brinton ave 1,500

Mellon J R to B M Charles, May 6, 19th wd, Pgh, 21x145, Broad st 6,250

McCaslin Bros. to Thomas Burr, Nov 23, 19th wd, Pgh, 30x117, Melion st 7,500

Everett W T to A M Trustman, Nov 14, Wilkinsburg, 28x120, Biddle st 6,000

Dawson L D to McGinnis L, Nov 27, 6th wd, Pgh, 60x127, Arch alley 3,000

Boser J C to Nannie A Work, Oct 19, 20th wd, Pgh, 30x126, Powhattan st 1,700

Ross Emma J to A J Worley, Nov 20, 22d wd, Pgh, 50x150, Darlington road 4,200

Gormley C M to Royal Laundry Co, July 17, 5th wd, Ally, 50x50, Penn ave 4,500

Thompson N M to May B Ritchie, Oct 19, Braddock twp, 40x100, Locust st 4,800

Work Nannie A to H McClements, Sept 21, 20th wd, Pgh, 20x128, Powhattan st 1,600

McGrady H F to J A Meighan, Nov 27, 24th wd, Pgh, 20x120, Second ave 5,000

McCully R L to Nannie Work, Sept 18, 20th wd, Pgh, 30x125, Powhattan st 1,000

Irwin Martha to Anna S Meanor, Nov 5, Patton twp, 86 perches 650

West End Land Co to G E Carson, Dec 9, McKees Rocks, 48x100, Woodward ave 74

Wilmerding Land Co to T H Jeremiah, April 20, N Versailles twp, 2 lots 500

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Butter quiet and easy; creameries, 16@23c; dairies, 14@21c. Eggs easier at mark (cases included), 27@28½c. Cheese firm at 10@10½c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Butter—Receipts, 2,824 pkgs; market quiet; extra creamery, 26c; creamery, common to choice, 18@22c; state dairy, 15@20c; held creamery, 15@21c. Cheese—Receipts, 5,107 pkgs; market quiet; state full cream fancy small colored, September, 12c; late made, lots small colored, September, 12c; late made, lots large colored, September, 12c; late made, 10c; large white, September, 12c; late made, 10c. Eggs—Receipts, 3,322 pkgs; market steady; state and Pennsylvania nearby, average finest, 30c; do seconds to firsts, 26@29c; western, fine, 26c; do seconds to firsts, 20@26c. Refrigerated, 20@28c.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 21.—Butter quiet and steady; extra western creamery, 27½c; nearby prints, 28c. Eggs steady and in fair demand; fresh nearby, 30c at the mark; western, 26c (loss off); southwestern, 24@25c; southern, 20@22c. Cheese dull; New York full creams, fancy, 11½c; choice, 11½c; fair to good, 10½@11½c.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton futures closed steady: December, 12.59c; January, 12.60c; February, 12.80c; March, 12.90c; April, 12.97c; May, 13.05c; June, 13.08c; July, 13.07c; August, 12.74c. Spot closed quiet; 25 points lower; middling uplands, 13c; middling gulf, 13.25c; sales, 3,800 bales.

CABBAGE GOES UP AGAIN; BUTTER MARKET WEAKER

Holiday Season Makes Good General Conditions—Flour Production Slumps.

Local markets were generally firm yesterday. Turkeys and eggs went up a point. Live turkeys are now quoted at 15 to 17 cents and dressed at 20 to 22 cents. Candied eggs have gone to 5½ and 55 cents and storage moved up to 30 and 31 cents. Cabbage is quoted higher, day at $15 to $50, a jump of 10 points. All poultry is in good demand. The grocery market is unchanged, although the Christmas season is having the desired effect. The tropical fruit market is looking up with the warmer weather. Holiday greens are quoted lower. Grated holly is selling at $2 to $2.25 and holly wreaths $1.50 to $1.25. The butter market weakened yesterday and fell one point all around. Hay, grain and feed receipts were light yesterday, though 130 cars of hay were in the Pennsylvania yards Saturday. Dealers are of the opinion that grain and hay markets will remain as strong as ever, despite the Chicago slump. Sales on the exchange yesterday showed better feeling over last week. No. 2 yellow corn sold at 53 cents. Thirteen dollars and fifty cents was bid on No. 1 timothy, offered at $14. There is a better demand for oats. Prices advanced yesterday on all grades.

The Minneapolis flour output is decreasing. There was a falling off of 22,000 barrels week before last. The Chicago output for the week of December 12 was 388,012 barrels, against 282,855 barrels in 1902 and 400,506 barrels in 1901. An estimate of the output last week is 380,000. Five Rock mills at Minneapolis are idle and 17 were in operation last week. A big curtailment in production is said to be in sight.

The table gives the flour output at milling centers for two weeks, with comparisons, in barrels:

	Dec. 12, 1903.	Nov. 5, 1903.	Dec. 13, 1902.	Dec. 14, 1901.
Minneapolis	388,012	410,190	288,855	400,506
Duluth-Superior	10,060	25,140	27,650	30,000
Milwaukee	36,450	46,000	24,700	45,750
Total	434,405	480,570	340,205	465,906
*3.0 outside mills	122,905	.....	110,780	.....
Aggregate	557,310	.....	450,985	.....
St. Louis	42,000	42,000	30,000	28,000
St. Louis	42,500	82,000	37,400	28,000
Indianapolis	11,500	12,810	12,070	11,088
Detroit	11,400	11,400	12,000	10,500
Chicago	16,000	16,000	20,150	24,600
Kansas City	43,200	56,700	29,700	34,000
Toledo	20,400	20,400	26,400	54,000

*Minneapolis and Dakota mills outside of Minneapolis and Duluth. †Flour made by mills outside of St. Louis, but controlled in that city.

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED.

Receipts bulletined: Pennsylvania lines, 70 cars hay, 10½ cars oats, 4½ cars corn, 6 cars feed; Baltimore & Ohio railroad, 12 cars hay, 2 cars straw, 2 cars corn; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 13 cars hay, 2 cars corn, 1 car malt, 1 car rye.

Hay, No. 1 timothy	Rye, No. 2
...$18.50@14.00	Mch. ...66½@66¾c
No. 2..$12.00@13.00	White middlings, No.
No. 1 clov..$11.25@11.50	2, ton ..$21.00@21.50
do No. 2..$10.50@11.00	do brown $20.00@20.50
Loose from wagon..$15.00@17.00	Bran, ton..$18.00@18.50
Straw, oat...$8.50@9.00	Wheat, No. 2 red..... 70@80c
do rye...$12.50@13.00	Corn, No. 2 yellow, shelled..... 52@53c
Oats, No. 2 white..... 41½@42c	No. 2 mix..... 49½@50c
do No. 3..... 41@41½c	New No. 2 yellow, shelled..... 50@51c
do No. 4..... 39½@40c	No. 2 yel., low car..... 52@54c

GROCERIES.

Flour.	
Fancy spg. patents..$4.80@4.85	do powdered....4.75c
Fancy winter patent..$4.25@4.30	do pow'd xxxx..4.80c
Straight, win.$3.95@4.00	do cubes....4.80c
Bakers' spg..$3.40@3.60	do cut loaf....5.10c
Rye ..... $3.65@3.75	do off. A....4.60@4.65c
Graham ..... $4.00@4.50	do No. 1 yellow..4.30c
Cornmeal bbls..$3.25@3.40	do No. 2 yellow..4.25c
do 10-lb cotton bags..... 17@18c	do No. 3 yellow..4.20c
Rolled oats..... $5.10	Nuts.
do bags..... $2.70	Navy, H. P...$2.00@2.15
Roasted Coffee.	do H. P. Jum..$2.10@2.15
Rio ..... 9½@12c	Red kidney ..$3.15@3.25
Santos ..... 12½@15c	Cal. lima, lb.... 4½@5c
Maracaibo 17c	Peas, dried
Peaberry ..... 17@18c	spl't, lb..... $1.30@1.40
Golden Rio ..... 15@16c	do split, lb..... 4c
Caracas ..... 19@19½c	20 marrow, bu..... $2.00@2.10
Standard pkgs...$11.05@11.55	Oil, carbon, 150 deg..... 13½c
	do headlight..... 14c
	do water white..... 14½c
	do Ohio W. W.

	150 deg..... 14c
	do miners'....25@35c
	do linseed..... 71c
	do special..... 75c
	Rice, ex-fancy head, lb..... 7@7½c
	do fancy..... 6@6½c
	do Japan..... 5@5½c
	do choice Carolina..... 4½@5c
	Salt, No. 1, bbl..... $1.00
	do No. 1 extra..$1.10
	do grain, bbl..... 95c
	do packet..$1.50@1.60
	do dairy..... $1.25
	Sauer kraut, cask..$3.75
	do bbl..... $5.75
	do half bbl..... $3.75

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches, std, pie..$1.10	Plums, damson..$1.00@1.70
do pie, gal.$2.00@2.40	do egg..$1.00@1.70
do California lge..$1.90@2.75	Raspberries..85@$1.00
do Muirs..$2.00@2.25	Gooseberries..85c@$1.00
Apricots, std..$2.00@2.60	Tomatoes.
do California..$1.90@2.50	Standard..85@90c
Cherries, std..$1.00@1.70	do fancy....$1.15@1.20
do California..$1.90@2.50	Succotash, 1-lb cans....$1.25@1.40
Corn, fancy..$1.00@1.50	Red and Green, 2-lb cans..$1.60@1.75
do std..$1.20@1.25	Tomato soup..$@$1.40
Cherries, Cal. whites....$2.50@2.75	Mushrooms, per can..15@20c
Lima beans..$1.20@1.45	Salmon, Alaska..$1.25@1.40
Pumpkin, std..85@$1.00	Chinook, half..$2.25@2.75
String beans, 2-lb..65c	Shrimps, best..$2.25@2.75
do 3-lb..85c	Sardines, domestic, ½s..$2.75
Stringless..$1.25@1.70	do imported, ½s..$3.75
Succotash..$1.20@1.70	do French, ½s..$6@$10
Peas, Marrow-fat..95c@$1.00	
do early June..80c@$1.30	
do sifted..$1.00@1.50	
do soaked..60@65c	
Apples, N. Y. ex. cans..$2.15@2.25	
Pineapples..$1.00@2.25	

DRIED FRUITS.

Apricots, evap. bags..... 8@12c	Raisins, Muscatel. 2 and 4 crown. 5-lb boxes..... 7@8c
do 25-lb boxes..... 8½@11c	do Ondera.
Apples, N. Y. fcy. 50-lb box..... 6@7c	do Sultana.
do 1-lb cartons..... 7½@7½c	do Cal. Val..... 7@7½c
Peaches..... 7½@8c	Currants cleaned.
Raspberries..24@24½c	25 and 50-lb pkg..... 7@7½c
Raisins, seeded 1-lb pkgs..9½@10c	Prunes..... 5½@6½c
	Fancy Cal..... 6@6½c
	do Turk..... 12½@13c

SALT FISH.

Mackerel, No. 1 mess, bbl..$22.00	Mackerel, No. 2 shs..$20.00
do half bbl..$10.50	do half bbl..$11.50
do quar. bbl..$4.25	do quarter bbl..$4.00
Mackerel, No. 1 plain, bbl..$25.00	do 20-lb pails..$2.40
do half bbls..$12.50	do 10-lb pails..$1.40
do quar. bbls..$6.50	Lake herring, 100 lbs..... $2.50@3.00
do 20-lb pails..$2.75	do 20-lb quar..$1.25
do 10-lb pails..$1.40	do 10-lb..... 80c

SEEDS.

Clover, from store, recleaned, 60-lb bu. small..$7.10@7.20	Alfalfa..$6.50@8.00
do mammoth..$7.20@7.30	Millet..$1.20@1.50
do crimson..$4.00@4.75	Grass, Hungarian..90c@$1.10
do white..$4.00@4.75	do lawn, 10-lb..18@20c
Dutch..$14.00@18.00	do blue, 14-lb..$1.50@1.75
Alsike ..$8.75@10.00	Timothy..$1.35@1.50

PROVISIONS.

Hams.	Breakfast Bacon.
16 lbs and up..10½c	Breakfast strips..11c
Over 14 to 16 lbs..11½c	Dry salt clear, extra..8c
Over 10 to 14 lbs..12½c	Bellies, 14 to 20 lbs..9c
6 to 8 lbs and under..12½c	Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs..9c
Skinned..10½c	do 10 to 20 lbs..9½c
Boneless, rolled..11c	do under 15 lbs..9½c
California..8c	Dry salt smoked sides, extra..9c
Shoulders, N. Y. cut..8c	short clears..9c
do skinned..8½c	Beef, 200 lbs to bbl..$9.00
Breakfast bacon, clear, 8 to 10 lbs..12c	do 100 lbs..$4.50
do 10 to 12 lbs..12c	do 50 lbs..$2.25
do back strips..11c	Pigs' feet, per bbl..$1.60
do clears, 8 to 10	do ½ bbl..85c

	Hams..14c
	Lard..7@8c

NUTS.

Chestnuts, lb..10@	Italian chestnuts..6@8c
Filberts..12c	Pecans..12c
Eng walnuts, new..11@12c	Shellbarks..$1.75@2.00
Table almonds..15c	Walnuts..$1.75@2.00
Jordan almonds..15c	Filberts..$1.50@1.75
Peanuts..5@6c	Butternuts..$1.00
Brazil..12c	

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE.

Butter.	
Prints..27@27½c	do Wis. flats, tubs..14@15c
Tubs..26@26c	do 20-lb block..20c
Ohio cream..24@24½c	do prints..14½@16c
Dairy..19@17c	do Limburger..12@13½c
Country roll..14@15c	Cheese, N. Y. full cream..13½@14c
Cheese, N. Y. full cream..13½@14c	Eggs.
do Ohio..12½@12½c	Strictly fancy..24@25c
do 3, cm.11½@11½c	do select..23@24c
Cheese, Ohio Swiss ..13@13½c	do storage..20@21c

DOMESTIC FRUITS.

Apples, fancy bbl..$2.50@4.00	Cranberries. box..$3.75@3.90
do choice..$2.00@2.50	bbl..$8.00@10.00
Grapes. Catawba..20c	

POULTRY AND GAME.

Live chickens..11@12c	Ducks, Pittsburgh..$2.50
Roosters..10c	do geese..$2.00
Turkeys..16@17c	do partridges..$2.25
Live ducks, lb..13@14c	do black cocks..$1.50
Geese..10@12c	do quail..$1.50
Pigeons, pair..15@20c	do rabbits..$1.00
Squirrels, pair..40@50c	Rabbits, pair..50@55c
Roasters..16@17c	Squab, doz..$4.50
Broilers..20@22c	Mallard, pair..$1.75@2.00
Turkeys, fresh, dressed..21@22c	Teal, pair..$1.00
do frozen..17@18c	do blue, bill..$1.50
Ducks..17@18c	do ruddy..$1.50
Rabbits, pair..50@55c	do over head..$1.50
Chickens..75@$1.00	Quail, per dozen..$2.00
Chickens, per pair..$1.75@2.00	Venison, saddle..8c
Fowls..$1.50@1.75	do carcass..6@7c
Turkeys, per lb..18c	Hare..$1.00
Geese, per pair..$1.50@2.00	Rabbits, per pair..$1.00
Ducks, per pair..$1.50@2.00	Squirrels, per pair..$1.00
Chickens, per pair..$1.00@1.50	Venison, saddle..8c
Fowls, per pair..$1.00@1.50	do carcass..6@7c
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Chickens, per pair..$1.00@1.50	Venison, saddle..8c
Fowls, per pair..$1.00@1.50	do carcass..6@7c

TROPICAL FRUITS.

Lemons, fancy, 360s..$3.50@4.00	Pineapples, crate..$2.00@4.00
do 300s..$3.75@4.00	Cocoanuts, bags..$2.50
do Verdellis..$4.00@4.25	Oranges, California navels..$3.00@3.50
do California..$3.00@3.50	Tangerines..$2.50@3.00
Limes, per 100..$1.40	Grapes. Almeria..$2.00@2.50
Oranges, California, med..$3.50@3.75	Malaga..$1.75@2.00
do fancy..$3.75@4.00	Bananas, per bunch..$1.25@2.00
Florida..$3.00@3.50	Figs, Cal., 10-lb box..$1.00
Messina..$3.00@3.50	Dates, per lb..4@5c

HOLIDAY GREENS.

Christmas trees, per foot..3@4c	Pine, per crate..$1.00@1.25
Holly..$4.00@6.00	Sweet pepper, crate..$6.00@7.00
Laurel, yard..3½@4c	Mistletoe, bbl..$6.00@7.00
Evergreen, yd..12½@15c	
Holly wreaths, per doz..$1.00@1.25	

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 10@15 points on good outside buying, support by leading bull operators and covering, including, it was said, buying for short account for Brazilian and European interests. Subsequent advances were also encouraged by higher European and Brazilian cables and small primary receipts, and the market ruled generally steady all day. Closing prices were 5@10 points higher. Spot coffee quiet and easy after middle; closing steady, unchanged to 5 points higher. Sales were 120,000 bags, including, January at 6.40@6.50c; February, 6.45@6.50c; March at 6.50@6.60c; May at 7.20@7.35c; June at 7.35c; July at 7.40@7.50c; September at 7.60@7.75c; October at 7.80@7.90c; November at 7.90@8.00c; December at 8.00@8.10c. Spot Rio dull; fair cargoes, 7 1-16@8c; No. 7 invoice, 6½c; mild, quiet; fair refining, 3 1-16@3½c; centrifugal, 96 degrees test, 3 9-16c; molasses sugar, 2 13-16@2¾c; refined steady; crushed, 5.60c; powdered, 4.55c; granulated, 4.45c.

Turpentine and Rosin.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21.—Spirits turpentine steady, 25c. Rosin firm, $1.30 for firm, $1.40 for strictly good. Crude turpentine firm, $2.25, $3.80 and $3.80.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 21.—Turpentine firm, 50c. Rosin quiet; A, B, C, D, E, $2.25; F, G, $2.25; H, $2.30; I, $2.45; K, $2.50; M, $2.60; N, $3.05; W. G., $3.20; W. W., $3.40.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 21.—Turpentine steady, 50½c. Rosin steady.

The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Activity of a marked character in effect of the week opened on the drygoods market and the buyer is determined to take no more than is absolutely necessary for his immediate requirements, paying to asking prices and no concessions. Considerable merchandise is being moved. Jobbers are experiencing only a moderate business and are busy making preparations for annual clearance sales.

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, December 19, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange is as follows: Wheat, 34,567,000 bushels; decrease, 2,300,000 bushels. Corn, 2,937,000 bushels; decrease, 54,000 bushels. Oats, 8,298,000 bushels; increase, 282,000 bushels. Rye, 1,810,000 bushels; increase, 121,000 bushels. Barley, 3,004,000 bushels; increase, 12,000 bushels.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET SLUMPS ON LIQUIDATION

Corn and Oats Pits Also Closed Lower, but Provisions Were Higher.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Trading in wheat was of a nervous character today, prices showed rapid changes. The market was influenced by the situation in the far east and by conflicting figures on the world's shipments as well as to the action of the leading bears. There was no increase in the export clearances. The big bull interest was also an early seller as prices ruled easier after a steady opening. Good weather developed over the winter wheat belt and on the strength of favorable reports from the Argentine Republic the bears made an attack on the market in the afternoon and succeeded in getting a big break in prices. There was renewed selling on the part of the big bull interest, and while buying was being reported taken over by Bartlett, the force of only a small increase in the visible supply which is large now was quite generally expected, and it was accepted gratefully late in the day and the low point of the day established. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 1,000,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 1,111,000 bushels against 1,000,000 bushels a year ago. The world's shipments were 10,000,000 bushels against 9,000,000 bushels and the visible supply increased 1,000,000 bushels. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 567 cars, against 562 cars last week, and 1,000 cars a year ago.

Corn was weak with a good deal of selling by bear operators and some sorts of local cash buyers who were tired of holding their line. Better weather and crop reports of larger receipts made the speculative element bearish. The cash wheat was also an important influence. The buying was largely by shorts. Local receipts were 275 cars with one of contract grade.

Oats followed the support and also the selling by a prominent commission house created weakness. The sellers was influenced also by the action of other grains. The demand was light for both cash and shipping grades. Local receipts were 242 cars.

Provisions were strong, notwithstanding the liberal run of hogs. There was a good deal of buying by outside account and shorts were also good buyers. Packers were credited with taking hog product which was said to come from an eastern distributor. Closing prices showed good gains with most of the buying the last hour. Hogs closed at $4.02 1/2@4.05. May lard was 5@6 1/2c higher at $6.70, while ribs were 7@8c higher at $5.45.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 175,000 bushels; corn, 150 cars; oats, 300 cars; hogs, 22,000 head.

The leading futures, reported by John D. Armstrong & Co., members of the Chicago board of trade, Farmers Bank Building, are as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Saturday's Close.
WHEAT					
No. 2					
Dec.	81	81	80½	80½	80½
May	81½	82½	82	82	81½
July	78	78½	77½	77½	77½
CORN. No. 2					
Dec.	42½	42¾	41½	41½	42½
May	44¾	44¾	43¾	43¾	44¾
July	44¾	44¾	43¾	43¾	44¾
OATS. No. 2					
Dec.	30½	30¾	30	30	30
May	34½	34¾	34	34	34
July	34½	34½	34	34	34
MESS PORK					
Jan.	11 70	11 80	11 70	11 80	11 80
May	12 00	12 02½	11 92½	12 00	11 97½
LARD					
Jan.	6 47½	6 52½	6 47½	6 52½	6 45
May	6 67½	6 75	6 67½	6 75	6 65
SHORT RIBS					
Jan.	6 20	6 25	6 20	6 25	6 20
May	6 45	6 45	6 37½	6 45	6 40

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 79@80c; No. 3 spring wheat, 75@79c; No. 2 red, 80@81c. No. 2 corn, 42½c. No. 2 yellow, 42c. No. 2 oats, 30½@30¾c; No. 3 white, 32½@33c. No. 2 rye, 62½c. No. 2 barley, 47@50c; No. 1 flaxseed, 96c. No. 1 northwestern, $1.00; prime timothy seed, $2.85. Mess pork, per bbl., $11.75@11.87½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.47½@6.50. Short rib sides (loose), $6.12½@6.37½. Short clear sides (boxed), $6.37½@6.62½. Whisky, basis of high wines, $1.27. Clover, contract grade, $11.25.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	32,400	30,000
Wheat, bushels	57,700	23,400
Corn, bushels	224,000	37,400
Oats, bushels	139,000	69,700
Rye, bushels	2,000	2,000
Barley, bushels	66,000	6,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Flour—Receipts, 23,

FASTER FREIGHT SERVICE TO CHICAGO IS ASSURED

The Pennsylvania lines west issued something of a surprise yesterday in connection with the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and New York Central lines in offering a fast freight service to Chicago. It is said that the Pennsylvania has already arranged for a fifty-hour train from Cleveland to Chicago, which will be about 20 hours faster than the present schedule. Several weeks ago the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie announced a through freight service from here to Chicago and other eastern points via its connections, and it was also intimated at the time that a similar service would be offered from Pittsburgh to the west via the Lake Shore and New York Central.

With the Pennsylvania's new service in satisfactory schedule to the west, it has not made any particular play for business during the latter time. Heavy business and congestion of terminals was given as the reason for this. On the other hand, it is said that the rate to the west, via the Ft. Wayne route, was equal as good as the shippers were entitled to, under the circumstances, and for these reasons the Pennsylvania did not care to cut.

The Vanderbilt lines have been very active in the way of establishing quick freight service between Chicago and the east, but the Pennsylvania has not been behind in the matter. From November 29, 1903, to January 31, 1904, the Pennsylvania will run a special fast freight service between Pittsburgh and Chicago, leaving Pittsburgh at 7 p. m. and arriving in Chicago at 7 a. m. the next day. The Pennsylvania will be the first to establish a fast freight service between Pittsburgh and Chicago. The Pennsylvania will be the first terminal railroad to Pittsburgh, and with its own tracks to Chicago, does not wish to see the Lake Shore handle these business, and it is understood that in addition to the Chicago fast freight service will be established.

Pennsylvania Stands Pat.

As exclusively told in The Gazette several weeks ago, the Pennsylvania lines west had practically decided to put into effect the same rate which it now operates between Pittsburgh and Chicago, but in addition to make stops in transit with the rates of other cities, thereby giving it a big advantage over the Lake Shore and New York Central lines. The latter roads have been quoting a rate of 75 cents on fourth class freight, and the Pennsylvania has been quoting 80 cents. The Pennsylvania has refused to meet the 75-cent rate, and will not do so, it is said, unless the Lake Shore and New York Central lines advance their rate to 80 cents. The Pennsylvania has been quoting 80 cents on fourth class freight between Pittsburgh and Chicago for the past two years.

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It is stated that the Pennsylvania railroad will make the rise in tolling which will go into effect on the tunnels under the North and East Rivers, New York, at the Altoona shops. The company is now assembling a large amount of material, and the work will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The capacity is now considerably more than the present demand, but it is expected that this will be increased materially. It is also said that Altoona shops will be the main repair shops for the entire system of the Pennsylvania railroad, and that the present facilities of transportation of the Baltimore & Ohio will be utilized to make way for Arthur Hale. A short time after that he went with the Erie as general superintendent at Cleveland.

Panhandle Shows Increase.

The following statement, showing the increase in estimated earnings, expenses and net earnings of the Panhandle for November and eleven months ending with November 30, 1903, as compared with the same periods of the previous year, was issued yesterday by Theodore Levy E. H. Liggett, jr.:

November gross earnings, increase, $167,489; net earnings, increase, $82,115. Eleven months' gross earnings, increase, $1,169,402; net earnings, $776,761.

Railroad Notes.

George B. Woodruff, auditor of the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh railroad, has been appointed auditor of the Western Maryland, with headquarters at Baltimore.

Traffic on the Ward-Bo division of the Baltimore & Ohio is suffering from a scarcity of cars. At Washington the scarcity is said to be acute. Trouble is also experienced at Bruce and Grafton.

Work was begun yesterday by the signal department on the Lake Erie in installing new signals between South Cherry Grove and Girard. The signals are being put in by the Pittsburgh, Bessemer & Lake Erie, the subsidiary of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.

Ground was broken yesterday for the new Pittsburgh & Lake Erie freight station on Liberty street, Pittsburgh. The building will be of brick and steel construction, and will be 60x300 feet.

The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie has the Pittsburgh & Conneaut dock and is the outlet for the Pittsburgh coal trade. The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie was the first road to bring coal to Pittsburgh in 1852. It now reports receipts of 21,561 cars, against 20,424 cars last week, and 21,561 cars a year ago. The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie was the first road to bring coal to Pittsburgh in 1852. It now reports receipts of 21,561 cars, against 20,424 cars last week, and 21,561 cars a year ago. The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie was the first road to bring coal to Pittsburgh in 1852. It now reports receipts of 21,561 cars, against 20,424 cars last week, and 21,561 cars a year ago.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

PITTSBURGH UNION STOCK YARDS,
Monday, December 21, 1903.
STOCK IN SIGHT.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
J. B. Hutt & Co	7	6	1
S. S. Hedges & Co	7	4	6
McCaslin, Rowley & Newburn	18	16	4
W. H. Baldwin	15	14	6
I. Dyer & Co	7	15	4

News of the Nearby Towns and Country

ONE KILLED IN WRECK AT AKRON

Fatal Crash Between Engine and Passenger Train—Engineer's Error Cost His Life.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

AKRON, O., Dec. 21.—One man was killed and one fatally injured, with more than a score of passengers badly shaken up in a wreck here today.

THE DEAD:

FRANK VAN BLARCUM, engineer, crushed to death.

INJURED:

FRANK BRENFIELD, fireman, fatally crushed by being caught in the engine.

The collision was a Baltimore & Ohio yard engine and a Cleveland Terminal passenger train in the local yards. Frank Van Blarcum, engineer of the Baltimore & Ohio engine, was waiting for the passenger train on a side track. The train was late and after the schedule time had elapsed he backed his engine on the main track.

The passenger train came in and struck the engine, wrecking both trains. Many of the passengers were thrown from their seats by the force of the collision, and some of them were cut by flying glass.

SWANEY CASE GOES TO THE JURY

UNIONTOWN, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.) At 5 o'clock this afternoon the case of James Swaney, charged with the murder of "Big Jeff" Turner, reached the jury and that body was still out at 10 p. m. District Attorney A. E. Jones made a plea for conviction, and Judge Reffert charged the jury for an hour.

CABBIES MUST CEASE ANNOYING COUPLES

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Orders have been issued by the mayor to the cabmen to cease their tactics in attempting to inveigle prospective brides and grooms to their cabs while they alight from trains to be married here. The Ministerial association complained against the practice.

Mrs. Andrew Mullen's Fatal Error.

MONACA, PA., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Andrew Mullen of Colonia is dead from drinking carbolic acid, which she mistook for medicine. She was 25 years old and leaves a husband, president of Colonial lodge of the Amalgamated association, and two children.

STATE AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

MONACA, PA.—Emil Schler, a railroad clerk, is in a semi-conscious condition as the result of being struck by a train.

CUMBERLAND, MD.—A marriage license was issued today to William Frain of Bellvar, Va., and Nora Kelley of Oliver, Pa.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—One hundred servant girls have signified their intention of joining a union organized to secure better wages.

CUMBERLAND, MD.—Employes of the Cumberland & Potomac railroad shops at Mount Savage were put on full time working.

BEAVER, PA.—Thomas Findlay of Bridgewater had his shoulder shattered and his head injured by being thrown while attempting to board a car.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Because her mother was divorced and afterward remarried, Maxsie Rogers, aged 17, of Niles, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—Parkersburg was without fuel or light for eight hours, the big inch natural gas line which supplies the city breaking in Ritchie county.

WHEELING, W. VA.—Mrs. Ruben J. Bullard, wife of a prominent citizen, was struck by a traction car in Elm Grove, sustaining injuries which resulted in her death.

ALTOONA, PA.—George Detrich, foreman of the Pennsylvania railroad vise shops, attempted suicide by taking laudanum. Becoming frenzied from drinking hard cider he threatened to kill his family.

GREENSBURG, PA.—Despondent over ill health, Andy Jauber, aged 46, of Claridge, committed suicide by shooting. He fell lifeless at the feet of his wife.

CUMBERLAND, MD.—The residence of John Wiland, near Frostburg, was destroyed by fire. The building was historic and was erected by Gov. Thomas of Maryland.

FINDLAY, O.—Charles Kohler, a floorwalker, has been arrested, charged with stealing $1,000 worth of drygoods from a Lima store, where he was formerly employed.

FINDLAY, O.—C. N. Shaffer purchased an oil lease in section 34, Liberty township, Wood county, belonging to Noah Bowlus of Toledo for $45,000. The lease produces 45 barrels a day.

CUMBERLAND, MD.—Michael Rooney of Frostburg, chief train dispatcher of the Cumberland & Pennsylvania railroad, has resigned and John E. Taylor has been appointed to his place.

GREENSBURG, PA.—Burglars last night robbed the store of Smith & Toner at Derry of $700 worth of goods, hauling away the plunder with a team stolen by them at George Moore's stable.

ROCHESTER, PA.—A handsome new pipe organ installed in the First Presbyterian church was secured largely by reason of a generous contribution from Andrew Carnegie. Mrs. Thomas C. Fry presided at the organ when it was put into use Sunday.

Holiday Excursion Fares to Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Intermediate Points Via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Tickets at greatly reduced rates on sale at Pittsburgh and points west December 24th, 25th and 31st and January 1st, good returning until January 4th inclusive. Consult agents Baltimore & Ohio railroad for further particulars.

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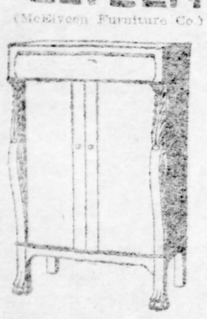

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HE ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY.

ROBERT A. RANKIN,
Register of Wills of Westmoreland County.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Robert A. Rankin today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for register of wills of Westmoreland county. He now holds the office by appointment, having been named by Gov. S. W. Pennypacker to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel C. Stevenson. Mr. Rankin is chairman of the Republican county committee and says that many of the members of the organization have urged him to become a candidate. So far he has no opposition.

Indiana Teacher's Institute.

INDIANA, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The 52d annual session of the Indiana County Teachers' Institute was called to order today by County Superintendent J. T. Stewart. Three hundred and eight teachers were enrolled. The Rev. Lewis May led the opening exercises. Dr. D. J. Brownlee welcomed the teachers and Prof. A. M. Morrow of Marion Center responded, after which Dr. J. M. Blaso of Washington, Pa., led in singing. Dr. W. N. Ferris of Michigan, Dr. A. E. Winship of Boston, Prof. H. Green of West Chester Normal school and the Hon. Henry Mouck addressed the teachers.

Edward Boyce Gets Three Years.

BEAVER, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Edward Boyce, convicted of shooting with attempt to murder Howard M. Ramsey on November 14, was sentenced to the penitentiary today for three years, three months.

PRIEST ACCUSED OF STRIKING A WOMAN

Rev. T. R. Walsh of West Newton Gives Bail on a Charge of Assault.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

WEST NEWTON, Dec. 21.—Rev. Thomas P. Walsh, the priest in charge of the Roman Catholic churches at West Newton and Smithton, was arrested at the latter place Saturday charged with assault and battery. The prosecutor was Mrs. Dravo, a member of Father Walsh's church.

The accused was committed to the lockup and later released on bail. He appeared for trial this morning and gave bail for $300 for his further court. A daughter of Mrs. Dravo, Louisa, was recently married to an Italian. When Rev. Walsh went to the Dravo residence and told the newly-made bride that she was not a good Catholic, it is alleged he shook the young woman.

When Mrs. Dravo interfered in her daughter's behalf it is alleged Father Walsh struck her in the mouth.

THREAT OF SWITCHING, MADE MORMONS LEAVE

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Two Mormon elders who have been preaching near Glenville, yesterday morning found two bunches of hickory switches at their door with a note warning them to leave the community within 48 hours. They refused to go and the owner of the house where they were staying said he would protect them. This morning a bundle of switches was left at his door for him. The Mormons departed today.

Hack Goes Over Embankment.

BRIDGEPORT, O., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Harrisville and Bridgeport hack plunged over a 20 foot embankment, carrying seven passengers with it. Fletcher Stanley, mail carrier, had two ribs broken and is hurt internally. Miss Ada Murdock of Pleasant Grove was taken out of the wreck unconscious, and has internal injuries. The vehicle was demolished and one horse killed.

CAPE MAY AS A WINTER RESORT.

Parlor Car Service Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Cape May is growing rapidly in favor as an all-the-year-round resort. Several good hotels remain open all winter—the Windsor and Aldine, which have fine sun parlors; the Chalfonte and the Ebbitt. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company offers daily parlor car service between Philadelphia and Cape May on trains leaving Philadelphia Market street wharf, 4:08 p. m. week days; 9:00 a. m. Sundays, and on trains leaving Cape May 7:30 a. m. week days and 4:45 p. m. Sundays.

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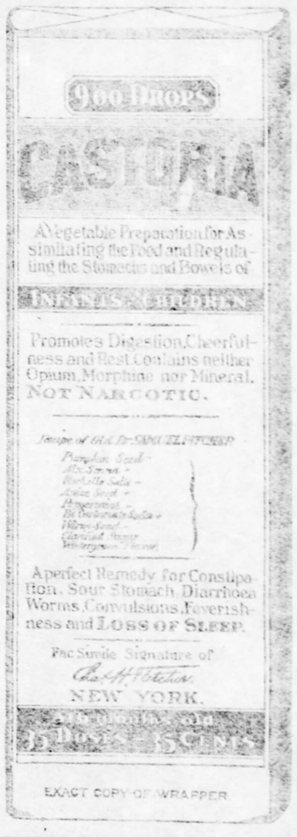

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COMMOTION IN DOLL-LAND.

Dressed Dolls—$1.75 and $2.50, with very pretty frocks in silks, satins, etc., with movable eyes, light or dark hair and parts enough so they can be put into any desired position. Cut down to 98c.

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Our $2 lines of Umbrellas for both ladies and gentlemen are our special pride. When these are bought for gifts we will engrave the handles free of charge if desired.

—Ladies' 97 Umbrellas come in either plain or tape-edge Taffeta, with the handles in sterling silver or pearl with gold-plated trimmings. Gentlemen's these come gold in carved black ebony and boxwood Princess handles.

—Men's 50 Umbrellas have covers of tape-edge Union Taffeta or assorted all-silk Taffetas. The frames are silk-rib, with crook and tassel and handles in plain horn, boxwood or sterling silver.

HERE'S YOUR HANDKERCHIEFS

We buy holiday Handkerchiefs in enough quantities to get them at still practically wholesale. Two of the foremost features are these:

—The 5Sc Lines—Ladies' lace-trimmed Handkerchiefs, with fine linen centers. Hand-embroidered, all-linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs. Swiss scalloped and embroidered Handkerchiefs; and ladies' hand-embroidered initial Handkerchiefs. Boxed separately if desired, without extra charge.

—The 12½c Lines—Ladies' fancy lace-trimmed embroidered and scalloped Handkerchiefs that are all-linen or fine sheer Cambric. A splendid assortment. Boxed if you wish.

TOILET SETS CUT.

Surveying the entire line of Toilet Sets there are two lots we deem it best to cut in prices to figures that will force sales anywhere.

—Ivory-back Comb, Brush and Mirror sets, sterling silver ornamented. The mirror is a French bevel plate glass. Special price, $1.98.

—Dresden-back Toilet Sets, with Cluny silver or gold plated handles, handpainted in pretty modern designs—Comb, brush and Mirror. Regular price $3. Special price $2.

Shaving Sets—Decorated China Mug and decorated China-handled Brush, all new, for 25c.

Hand Mirrors—Fancy white metal Toilet Mirrors, fine bevel plate, 4 inches in diameter, worth 75c, for 50c.

BIG TOYS—Downfall of Prices.

Must have more floor room for the crushing crowds of the last two days. So you get

Miniature Railroads—A complete equipment of track, engine, truck, passenger car and baggage car, all made of steel, strongly put together and guaranteed for service. Regular price $3.50—Special cut price, $2.79.

Picture Blocks—Large size blocks, containing six different pictures in showing colors. Regular price $1.25 per set—Special cut price, 89c.

Dollar Typewriters—This standard "simplex" Typewriters whose actual work is as legible as letters written on the more expensive writing machines—Cut to 59c.

Magic Lanterns—Well-constructed Magic Lanterns, complete with lamp, slides and a set of handsome slides. Regular price $1—Special price, 75c.

Toy Stoves—Large Tin Stoves, with an entire kitchen outfit of utensils. Regular price, $1—Cut price, 79c.

Children's Morris Chairs—Good, strong hardwood pieces of furniture with two cushions. Splendid value at $1.50—Special price, 98c.

Doll Beds—White enameled Bedsteads, with a 20-inch woven wire spring. Very durable to make and neat in finish. Worth $1—Cut to 69c.

Express Wagons—Red enameled heavy steel beds, galvanized iron wheels and japanned axles, top sides, each 25 inches long, real value $1.50, cut to $1.19.

Sleds—Yankee Jumpers, with hardwood body, 42 inches long and the best steel runners. Value $1.50—Special cut price, $1.

Furniture

Children's Rockers—Solid oak rockers, extra well made and finished, for $1.65 and $1.75. Children's Reed Rockers with full reed roll arms and back, $2.50, $2 and $2.50.

Rockers—Well-made solid oak Chairs with high backs, comfortable arms and leather seats. Special value at $2.25.

Costumers—Just a hundred of these convenient "Clothes Poles" which consist of a heavy turned oak foot standard on four strong legs, with six turned pine sets in the post—Our price, 59c each.

Pedestals—Handsome ones in golden oak, mahogany and weathered oak, consisting of Pedestals consisting of heavy turned columns round the base and built up base. Worth $4, for $2.98.

Ladies' Desks—47-inch oak, mahogany, antique mahogany, weathered oak and quartered oak, with handsomely burnt wood effects. Special value at $9.98, and oak desks for $4.98, which sell elsewhere for $6.98.

Women's Clothes

Some clothes that are good for gifts.

—New Silk Waists, in Louisine, beautiful with tucks and briar stitching, $5, $7.50 and $8.50.

—New Peau de Soie Waists, $5 to $12.50.

—Blue Lyra Sets for young ladies.

New Flat Pillow Muffs, $10 to $25.

—New Flat or Round Scarfs and Boas, $3.98 to $20.

—Ladies' Silk Petticoats, $3.98 to $12.

—Ladies' Dressing Sacques, 98c to $2.98.

—Ladies' Aprons, large to $1.50.

—Ladies' Wool Waists, $1.98 to $10.

—Boned Dress Patterns, $2 to $20.

—Shawls, 98c to $15.

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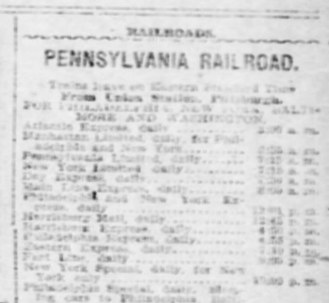

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